

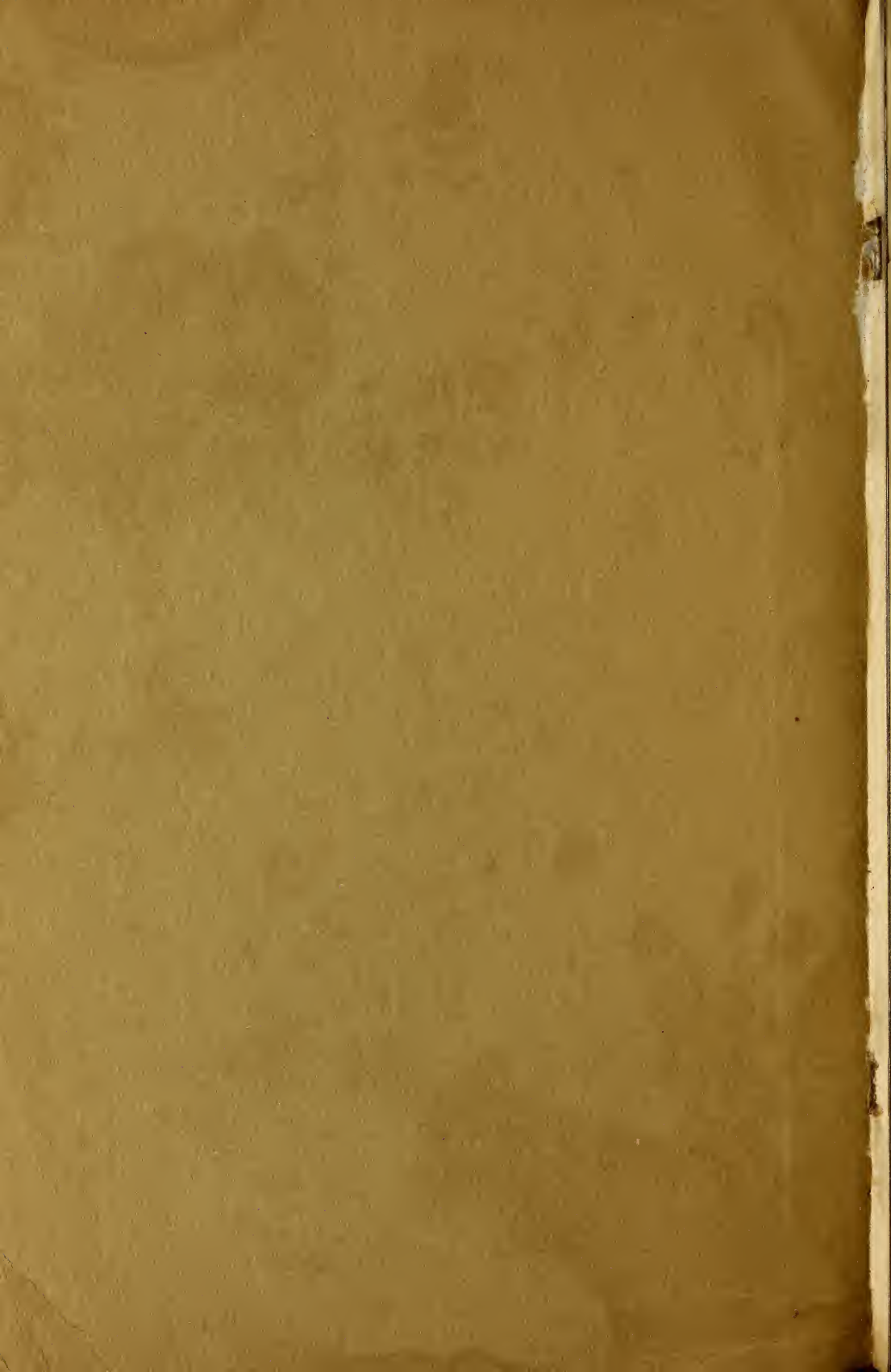
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

Maintaining Order in Town Meeting

1st. The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order; may speak on points of order in preference to others; and shall decide all questions of order.

2d. When any voter shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided one-third of the voters present are in favor of it.

3d. He shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall be first.

4th. When a question is under debate, the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to an hour certain, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

5th. When two or more happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who shall speak first.

6th. No voter shall speak more than seven minutes at any one time nor more than twice on the same question without first obtaining leave of the meeting.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed and announced by the Moderator, unless otherwise especially directed by the meeting.

8th. When any voter shall make a motion, and such a motion shall be seconded by another, the same shall be received and considered by the meeting but not otherwise.

9th. When a vote has passed, it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof; and when a motion of reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered.

10th. No one shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another while anyone is speaking or pass unnecessarily between the Moderator and person speaking.

11th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator desires it.

12th. Any voter may call for a division of the question, when the sense will admit of it.

13th. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

14th. When a vote is doubted, the voters for or against the question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they shall be counted.

15th. Individuals while speaking shall stand uncovered and address the Moderator.

16th. No person shall be permitted to stand on the seats.

17th. A motion to adjourn without date shall be debatable; but a motion to adjourn to a day certain shall not be debatable.

18th. No person shall be permitted to smoke in this house.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Town of Amherst

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the constables to ascertain from time to time what children there are in this town between the ages of seven and sixteen years, who are habitual truants and also concerning children wandering about the streets and public places in this town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, and report the names of the same to the School Committee. And said officers shall also use all suitable and lawful means, in co-operation with the School Committee, to cause such children regularly to attend the common schools to which they respectively belong, under the arrangements made by the School Committee. And in every case in which it shall be thought necessary by them for the above purpose, they shall institute legal proceedings against the child so offending, as provided in the following section of these By-laws, and by the statutes of this Commonwealth, in such cases provided.

SEC. 2. Any minor residing in this town between the ages of seven and sixteen years, who shall be convinced of being a habitual truant, or of not attending school, or of being without any regular and lawful occupation, or growing up in ignorance, shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense aforesaid, of which he or she shall be convicted; or may be, if not under ten years of age, be committed to the House of Correction in Northampton, in the County of Hampshire, for a term not exceeding one year.

SEC. 3. No person shall permit any goat, sheep, swine, horse, cow, or other neat cattle, belonging to him or her, or under his or her control, to go at large or departure in any of the streets, lanes or avenue of this town. And any person convicted under the provisions of this section, shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding five dollars for each offense. But this

By-law shall not affect the right to use the land within the limits of the highway adjoining his or her premises.

SEC. 4. No person shall, except in performance of some duty required by law, discharge any gun, pistol or other fire-arms, loaded with ball or shot, or with powder only, or squib, fire-cracker, serpent or other preparation whereof gun-powder or other explosive substance is an ingredient, or which consists wholly of the same, in any of the public streets of this town. And no person or persons shall make any bon-fire in any of the public streets aforesaid, without the authority of the Selectmen.

SEC. 5. No person shall swim or bathe, or divest himself of clothing, for the purpose of swimming or bathing, so near to any public way as to be indecently exposed to persons in the town, or within one hundred rods of any dwelling or school house.

SEC. 6. No person shall remove, mutilate or destroy, with malicious intent, any sign, sign-post, awning or other thing, the property of another, lawfully set, erected or placed in or upon any of the public streets or other public places in this town. And no person shall deface or mutilate any handbill, poster or advertisement, the same being lawtully posted or displayed in, against or upon any building or other structure in this town. And no person shall post or display any handbill, poster or advertisement, in, against or upon any building, bridge or other structure, the same being private property, without the permission of the owner or proprietor thereof; nor on any town building, without permission of the Selectmen; nor on any church, or building belonging to any corporation, without permission from the person having charge of the same.

SEC. 7. No person shall cut down, mutilate or otherwise injure or destroy any fruit, shade, or other ornamental tree now growing or which may hereafter be growing in any park, common grounds or cemetery in this town, or shall deface, disfigure, mutilate, remove, or destroy the fence or inclosure thereof, without the permission of the owner or proprietor thereof in writing held and obtained. And no person shall so

fasten any horse or any other animal to any tree as aforesaid, or in any of the public streets in this town, as to endanger the same being injured, defaced or destroyed.

SEC. 8. No person shall behave himself in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any of the public streets or other public places in the town or near any dwelling house therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or upon or near any doorstep, portico or other projection from any such building, to the annoyance and disturbance of other persons. And no person shall make any indecent figures, or write any indecent or obscene words upon any building, structure or public place in this town, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wilfully and designedly frighten any horse in any public street in this town.

SEC. 9. No person shall play at ball, or fly any kite or balloon, or throw stones or other missiles in or upon any public street in this town, within one mile of the Amherst House, in said town.

SEC. 10. No person with malicious intent shall untie, unfasten or detach any horse or other animal at any of the places used and designated for fastening horses or other beasts, or detach, unloose or untie any halter, or harness, on any beast as aforesaid, or unloose, disarrange, or take away, or any part thereof, any wagon, sleigh or other article attached to any horse, or other beast, when standing as aforesaid.

SEC. 11. No person shall coast, course or slide on any sleigh, sled or other vehicle, in any of the public streets, or upon any sidewalk thereof, within one mile of the Amherst House, in this town, except upon such public streets as the Selectmen shall designate.

SEC. 12. No person shall drive or lead any horse, or any other animal, along or upon any of the sidewalks of this town, except for the purpose of immediately crossing said sidewalk; neither shall any person obstruct any sidewalk with coal, wood, boxes or other things, or commit any nuisance thereon.

SEC. 13. No person shall knowingly give a false alarm of fire, or after the alarm has been given, falsely and maliciously proclaim the fire to be out or extinguished. No person shall

kindle a bonfire for the purpose of creating an alarm of fire. And it shall be the duty of the constables and police officers for the time being to repair on the alarm of fire immediately to the place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power, under the direction of the Fire Wardens, for the preservation of the public peace, the prevention of theft and the loss and destruction of property, and the removal of all suspicious persons.

SEC. 14. No person not a member of the fire department shall refuse to assist in getting an engine, hose carriage or ladders to a fire, when thereto requested by the Fire Wardens.

SEC. 15. Whoever violates any of the provisions of the fourteen preceding sections of these By-laws, on conviction, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense, and the constables and police officers in this town for the time being, are specially charged to see the provisions of said sections of these By-laws enforced.

SEC. 16. No person shall be prosecuted and tried for any breach of the provisions of these By-laws unless complaint for the same shall be instituted and commenced within sixty days from the time of committing such a breach.

SEC. 17. No waste or refuse matter from any building shall be placed in any highway to the detriment of public travel.

SEC. 18. Any By-law or By-laws heretofore adopted by the town inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

BY-LAW ADOPTED MARCH 7, 1881.

SECTION 1. The tenant, occupant, and in case there be no tenant, the owner or the person having the care of any estate abutting upon any highway or town way within this town where there is now or may hereafter be a sidewalk established, or set apart as such, shall after the ceasing to fall of any snow thereon within twenty-four hours cause the same to be removed therefrom.

SEC. 2. Whenever any snow shall be collected or deposited upon any sidewalk mentioned in the preceding section, either by falling from some adjoining building, or by drifting upon said sidewalk, the tenant, occupant, and in case there be no tenant, the owner or person having the charge of the estate

abutting upon said sidewalk shall, within twenty-four hours after its being so collected or deposited, cause the same to be removed therefrom.

SEC. 3. Whenever any sidewalk mentioned in Section 1 of this By-law shall be encumbered with ice, it shall be the duty of the tenant, occupant, or in case there is no tenant, the owner or person having the care of the estate abutting thereon, to cause such sidewalk to be made convenient for travel by removing the ice therefrom or by covering the same with sand or some other substance within twenty-four hours after such sidewalk shall have become so encumbered.

SEC. 4. Whoever shall offend against or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this By-law relating to sidewalks, shall for each and every offense forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than two nor more than ten dollars, to be recovered on complaint of the Selectmen before any court of competent jurisdiction, but no prosecution shall be commenced after six months from the committing of the offense.

SEC. 5. If any person shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties required by this By-law, the Selectmen may after due notice to such person perform said duties at the expense of the person so neglecting or refusing.

BY-LAW ADOPTED MARCH 4, 1912.

(Section 2 as amended July 7, 1919).

SECTION 1. No person shall engage in the business or go about picking up or collecting by purchase or otherwise, rags, paper, junk, old metals, or other waste matter, within the limits of the Town of Amherst unless he is duly licensed by the Selectmen.

SEC. 2. No person shall engage in the business of buying or selling second-hand articles within the limits of the Town of Amherst unless he is duly licensed by the Selectmen.

SEC. 3. The Selectmen may from time to time make such rules and regulations regarding the issuing of such licenses; the fees to be paid therefor and the manner in which the business is to be conducted, as may seem advisable to them, and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

SEC. 4. Any person violating the provisions of any of the foregoing sections of this By-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars for each offense.

BY-LAW ADOPTED MARCH 2, 1914.

At a legally called meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Amherst, held on the second day of March, 1914, it was voted: "In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1910 to adopt the following By-laws, a finance committee consisting of seven members is hereby established as a standing committee of the town.

The members of this committee shall be appointed by the moderator of the annual town meeting and shall hold office for a period of three years, their terms of office so arranged that the terms of two members shall expire at the end of one year, and the terms of two members at the end of the next year and the terms of three members at the end of the third year.

In case of a vacancy in the membership of the committee the vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the moderator of the last annual town meeting.

This committee shall annually elect its own chairman, secretary and other necessary officers.

It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate all proposals in the articles of the warrant for any town meeting that shall in any way affect the finances of the town and to recommend to the town at the time of said meeting a course of action thereon, and in general to make recommendations to the town in regard to any financial business of the town.

It shall also have control of the Reserve Fund of the town, and make appropriations therefrom, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1912, and of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1913."

BY-LAW ADOPTED MARCH 6, 1916.

Whoever rides or drives a motorcycle or any motor vehicle on any sidewalk belonging to the town of Amherst shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

REGULATIONS

FOR

Town of Amherst Sewers

1. The Selectmen shall have the charge and direction of all main and branch lines of sewers in the town. Whenever any sewer is to be built they shall have the general direction of the same, that is, relating to location, grade, etc. They shall also require plans and correct entries to be made and filed in the Town Clerk's office for future reference.

2. All sewers laid by private parties in any street or court-way, opened or proposed to be opened for public accommodation, shall be the property of the Town when connected with the public sewer, and no such sewer shall hereafter be connected with a public sewer without a permit from the Selectmen.

3. No person shall be allowed to let any other water into the sewer except the sewerage from sinks, slop-hoppers, water-closets, bath-tubs, etc.

4. All sewers within the street limits must be of vitrified sewer pipe, and of such size as approved by the Selectmen.

5. No private sewer shall be entered into any main sewer without a permit in writing from the Selectmen.

6. The ends of all pipes or sewers not to be immediately connected with water-closets, sinks, etc., must be securely guarded against the introduction of sand or earth, by brick and cement, or other watertight and imperishable material.

7. No person shall be allowed to make any further connection with any private sewer, that is connected with a public sewer, other than that specified in the original permit, without first obtaining permission from the Selectmen.

8. No connection with a sewer shall be made except in the presence of one of the Selectmen, or some person authorized by them to superintend such connection.

9. Whosoever digs or breaks up the ground in the public street or way, for the purpose of laying, altering or repairing a sewer pipe, or of entering his particular sewer into a main sewer, without a permit from the Selectmen in writing, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

10. It shall be the duty of any person to report to the Selectmen every violation of the above rules that shall come to his knowledge.

Motor Vehicle Regulations

ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS prescribed and adopted by the Selectmen of Amherst, Massachusetts, on the 17th day of May, 1919, as the licensing authorities of said town:

1. No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of operating any motor vehicle upon any public street or way in Amherst for the carriage of passengers for hire in such a manner as to afford a means of transportation similar to that afforded by a street railway, by indiscriminately receiving and discharging passengers along the route on which said vehicles are operated, without first obtaining from the licensing authorities of the town a special license for each and every vehicle to be employed by such person, firm or corporation in said business, and unless such license for such vehicle is in force according to the provisions of and subject to these regulations.

2. Every applicant for a license to operate any such motor vehicle shall file with the town clerk a written application which shall set forth:

(a) The public highway or highways, over which, and the fixed termini and the regular route between which and over which the applicant intends to operate.

(b) A schedule of operation in conformity with paragraph 10 hereof, showing the effective date thereof, the time of arrival and departure from and at all termini, and time of departure from important intermediate points.

(c) A schedule or tariff showing the passenger fares to be charged between the several points or localities to be served.

(d) The seating capacity, according to its trade rating, of each motor vehicle which it is proposed to operate. If the motor vehicle has been adapted for use as a bus either by converting a freight-carrying truck into a passenger-carrying

vehicle, or by reconstructing, modifying or adding to the body or seating arrangement of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle, a statement of the seating capacity shall be added.

3. Before such license is granted the vehicle shall be inspected by a competent mechanic designated by the licensing authorities of said town, or their authorized representatives, and no license shall be issued until such inspection has been made, and a report rendered as to the strength, seating capacity and proper equipment of such vehicle for safe and efficient operation. After such license has been granted, a similar inspection and report shall be made at least once every six months. Every such vehicle shall be maintained at all times in a safe and sanitary condition, and shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the licensing authorities or their duly authorized representatives.

4. No person shall drive, operate or be in charge of any such motor vehicle in any street, way, or public place in said town without first obtaining, in addition to the chauffeur's license issued by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, a special annual chauffeur's license therefor from the licensing authorities of the town and unless both of such licenses are in force. No such special license shall be granted to any person who is under the age of twenty-one years, or who has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of said licensing authorities his ability to drive the vehicle proposed to be operated by him, and his familiarity with the motor-vehicle laws of the Commonwealth, with the rules and regulations herein prescribed and with the street traffic regulations of the town, or who has failed to pass such examination as to his qualifications as said licensing authorities may require. No license shall be issued until said licensing authorities or their duly authorized representatives are satisfied that the applicant is a proper person to receive it. Said licensing authorities at the time of issuing said license shall deliver to the licensee a metal badge properly inscribed, which badge shall be worn in a conspicuous place on the outer garment of the licensee at all times when he is driving or in charge of any such motor vehicle in any street or public place; and said licensing authorities shall also deliver to the licensee

an identification card, stating thereon the number of the license, the licensee's age, height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, and the term of the license. No such license shall permit any other person to wear such badge, nor shall any person wear the badge of any other licensee while driving or in charge of any such motor vehicle while in any street or public place. Said identification card shall be carried by the licensee at all times while operating or in charge of any such motor vehicle in any street or public place. Every person while driving or in charge of any such motor vehicle while in any street or public place, shall carry the license for such vehicle, and at any time when requested by any police officer, he shall show him such license and said identification card.

5. No such motor vehicle shall be used or operated without a printed sign thereon stating the termini of the route, the fare to be charged and the license number, which sign shall be so printed and attached to the motor vehicle as to be plainly visible to persons on the street, or without a printed sign thereon showing the schedule of service filed and in effect at the time, which sign shall be so printed and attached to the said motor vehicle as to be plainly visible to passengers boarding such motor vehicle.

6. No license for the operation of any such motor vehicle shall be issued or granted for a period exceeding one year and shall not become operative until the licensee named therein shall deposit with the treasurer of the town of Amherst in which such vehicle is to be operated, security, by bond or otherwise approved by the town treasurer, conditioned to pay any final judgment obtained against the principal named in the bond for any injury to person or property, or damage for causing the death of any person by reason of any negligent or unlawful act on the part of the principal named in said bond, his or its agents, employees or drivers, in the use or operation of any such vehicle. The security deposited under the provisions of this paragraph shall be in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of five persons or less, and for a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of six or more in the sum of twenty-five hundred

dollars and five hundred dollars additional for each passenger seat in excess of five, provided that any licensee who files with the town clerk a certificate from a city or town clerk in any city or town in which said motor vehicle is duly licensed to operate, setting forth that said licensee has filed in said city or town a bond which is in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, shall be exempted from filing any further bond.

7. The license issued for the operation of such motor vehicle shall designate the number of passengers, exclusive of the operator, the licensee is authorized to carry in said vehicle, and no person driving or in charge of said vehicle shall take on or suffer or permit any more persons to ride or to be carried thereon at any one time than the number designated in the license, nor permit any person to stand inside, or to stand or sit upon any running board, step, fender, dash or hood thereof, or to permit any person to ride on such motor vehicle outside the body thereof; provided, however, that in addition to the number of passengers which said motor vehicle, by the terms of its license is permitted to carry, children under seven years of age may be carried therein, in arms, or seated on the laps of parents or adult persons accompanying them, but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted on any front seat of the vehicle.

8. The licensee shall not reconstruct, materially alter, modify or add to the body or seating arrangements of any such motor vehicle after the license thereof is issued, without first applying for and receiving the consent of the licensing authorities.

9. No license shall be transferrable or applicable to any other motor vehicles than those specified therein, or between any other termini or on any other route or routes, provided, however, that the licensing authorities may, upon application filed with the town clerk, revise said license in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, so that under said license as revised another motor vehicle may be substituted for one previously covered; or either the termini or the route or routes set forth in the license may be changed.

10. The schedule of operation filed by the licensee with his application for said license shall provide for the regular operation of a motor vehicle between the termini and over the route designated in the license for a period of not less than twelve consecutive hours out of every twenty-four hours, allowing a reasonable time, not exceeding two hours in the aggregate, for going to and from meals, and with intervals of not more than one hour between successive trips in the same direction where the distance between termini is 5 miles or less. The licensee shall regularly operate a motor vehicle in substantial accordance with the schedule of operation filed and in effect at the time, except in cases of accidents, break-downs, or other controlling emergency, shall operate such motor vehicle to the terminus of the route before turning around, and shall not operate nor permit to be operated any such motor vehicle off or away from the route stated and fixed in the license for the operation of such motor vehicle except in case of controlling emergency. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the operation, in addition to the service described in the schedule or on file and in effect at the time, of special or extra trips over said route and between said termini during certain hours or on special occasions.

11. No licensee shall charge, demand, collect or receive a greater, or less, or different compensation for the transportation of passengers or for any service in connection therewith, than the rates, fares and charges applicable to such transportation as specified in the schedule filed and in effect at the time.

12. No change shall be made by any licensee in the termini between which or the route over which such motor vehicle is operated, in the rates charged, or in the schedule of operation, except after seven days' notice to the town clerk.

13. No person operating any motor vehicle so licensed shall refuse to carry any person offering himself or herself at any regular stopping place for carriage, unless the seats of such vehicle are fully occupied, or unless such person is in an intox-

icated condition, or conducting himself in a boisterous or disorderly manner, or is using profane language.

14. No motor vehicle so licensed shall be operated from one-half hour after sunset till one-half hour before sunrise, with the top and curtains of said vehicle up, or while said vehicle is otherwise enclosed, unless there be sufficient light provided to adequately light the whole of the interior of said vehicle; and all motor vehicles so licensed with a seating capacity of more than seven passengers shall come to a full stop immediately before crossing the tracks of any railroad at grade.

15. Every such motor vehicle shall be equipped with a suitable horn or other similar warning device, with a standard speedometer and with a liquid fire extinguisher of a design or type approved by the licensing authorities, and such horn, speedometer and fire extinguisher shall be kept in satisfactory operating condition at all times. Every such motor vehicle shall, when leaving either terminus, be equipped with at least one extra serviceable tire, and shall at all times carry and maintain in good working order a set of skid chains, which shall be applied to the rear wheels when such vehicle is operated in any street or public place where there is snow or ice, or during other weather conditions when the application of such chains is necessary to prevent skidding.

16. No person operating any motor vehicle so licensed shall collect fares, make change or take on or discharge passengers while such vehicle is in motion; nor shall he have a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe in his possession while any passenger is being carried therein, nor drink any intoxicating beverage or use morphine, cocaine, opium or other harmful drug of any kind, or be under the influence thereof while engaged in operating such vehicle.

17. Any such licensee shall immediately report fully, in writing, to the town clerk, any fatal accident or any injury to a passenger or other person, and any accident resulting in substantial damage to property, in which said motor vehicle is involved.

18. The licensing authorities may suspend or revoke any license granted for the operation of such motor vehicle, and any license issued to any person to drive or operate the same, for violation

of any law of the commonwealth made in relation to the operation of motor vehicles, or violation of any traffic ordinances of such city or town, or violation of any of the rules, restrictions, requirements or regulations herein prescribed, or for any other cause deemed by said selectmen, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to be sufficient.

19. The holding or adjudication of any paragraph or subdivision of the rules and regulations herein prescribed to be unconstitutional or invalid shall not affect the validity of any other paragraph or subdivision, but all other paragraphs and subdivisions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Established and prescribed in the Board of Selectmen, May 17th, 1919.

CADY R. ELDER,	}	Selectmen of Amherst.
GEORGE F. HOBART,		
WILLIAM H. ATKINS,		

Billboard By-Law Adopted March 3, 1924

No person, firm, association or corporation shall erect, display or maintain a billboard, sign or other outdoor advertising device, except those exempted by Sections 30 and 32 of Chapter 93 of the General Laws,—

- (a) Within fifty (50) feet of any public way.
- (b) Within three hundred (300) feet of any public park, playground or other public grounds, if within view of any portion of the same.
- (c) Nearer than fifty (50) feet to any other such billboard, sign, or other advertising device, unless said billboards, signs or other advertising devices are placed back to back.

- (d) On any location at the corner of any public ways and within a radius of one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the point where the center lines of such ways intersect.
- (e) Nearer than one hundred (100) feet to any public way, if within view of any portion of the same, if such billboard, sign or other advertising device shall exceed a length of eight (8) feet or a height of four (4) feet.
- (f) Nearer than three hundred (300) feet to any public way, if within view of any portion of the same, if such billboard, sign or other advertising device shall exceed a length of twenty-five (25) feet or a height of twelve (12) feet.
- (g) In any event if such billboard, sign or other advertising device shall exceed a length of fifty (50) feet or height of twelve (12) feet; except that the Selectmen may permit the erection of billboards, signs or other advertising devices which do not exceed forty (40) feet in length and fifteen (15) feet in height if not nearer than three hundred (300) feet to the boundary line of any public way.
- (h) No billboard, sign or other advertising device shall be erected, displayed or maintained in any block in which one-half of the buildings on both sides of the street are used exclusively for residential purposes; except that this provision shall not apply if the written consent of the owners of a majority of the frontage on both sides of the street in such block is first obtained and is filed with the Division of Highways of the Department of Public Works, together with the application for a Permit for such billboard, sign or other advertising device.
- (i) No billboard, sign or other advertising device shall be erected, displayed or maintained until a Permit therefor has been issued by the Division of Highways of the Department of Public Works pursuant to the following provisions:

Upon receipt from said Division of a notice that application for a Permit to erect, display or maintain a billboard, sign or other advertising device within the limits of the town has been received by it, the Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on said application in the town, notice of which shall

be given by posting the same in three or more public places in said town at least one week before the date of such hearing. A written statement as to the results thereof shall be forwarded to the Division, containing, in the event of a disapproval of such application, the reasons therefor, within thirty days from the date of notice to the town that an application for such a Permit had been made.

The provisions of (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) shall not apply to districts which the Selectmen may determine are of a business character.

This By-Law shall not apply to signs or other devices which advertise or indicate either the person occupying the premises in question or the business transacted thereon, or advertise the property itself or any part thereof as for sale or to let; and provided further that this By-Law shall not apply to billboards, signs or other advertising devices legally maintained, at the time of its approval by the Attorney-General, until one year from the first day of July following such approval.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (100) dollars, and whoever, after conviction for such violation, unlawfully maintains such billboard, sign or other outdoor advertising device for twenty (20) days thereafter shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred (500) dollars.

If any provision of this By-Law is declared unconstitutional or illegal by final judgment, order or decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth, the validity of the remaining provisions of this By-Law shall not be affected thereby.

Town Officers, 1924

MODERATOR :

GEORGE B. CHURCHILL

CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES :

THOMAS W. SMITH

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

GEORGE F. HOBART, Chairman WILLIAM H. ATKINS

Term expires 1925

Term expires 1927

EDWIN H. DICKINSON

Term expires 1926

ASSESSORS :

FRANK A. HOBART, Chairman; term expires 1927

FRANK O. CURTISS

WILLIAM H. SMITH

Term expires 1926

Term expires 1925

BOARD OF HEALTH :

LAWRENCE N. DURGIN, M. D., Chairman, term expires 1927

FRANK N. DICKINSON

PHILIP H. SMITH

Term expires 1925

Term expires 1925

SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

GEORGE L. FARLEY; Chairman, term expires 1925

WILLIAM L. MACHMER

ANNETTE H. E. ESTY

Term expires 1927

Term expires 1926

ELECTOR UNDER THE OLIVER SMITH WILL :

GEORGE CUTLER

PARK COMMISSIONERS:

CHARLES J. KING, term expires 1926	
CLARK L. THAYER,	*JOHN J. LEONARD,
Term expires 1927	Term expires 1925

CONSTABLES:

J. CLIFTON ASHLEY,	MELVIN L. GRAVES,
ARTHUR F. BARDWELL,	WILBUR O. SHUMWAY
WILLIAM L. BATES,	DWIGHT H. SLATE,
WILLIAM H. CASEY,	WM. HENDERSON SMITH,
THOMAS C. DILLON,	DAVID H. TILLSON.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS:

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND:

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS:

FRED C. KENNEY,	term expires	1927
FRED H. HAWLEY,	" "	1926
CADY R. ELDER,	" "	1925

TREE WARDEN:

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:

THOMAS W. SMITH,	term expires	1927
FRANK N. DICKINSON,	" "	1926
CHARLES J. KING,	" "	1925

*Deceased.

TOWN PLANNING BOARD:

RAYMOND D. DICKINSON, HARRY W. KIDDER,
STAFFORD F. THOMAS,

Term expires 1927

ARTHUR K. HARRISON, FLOYD A. THOMPSON,
ELIZABETH B. COWAN,

Term expires 1926

MABELLE E. CHURCHILL, MAUDE E. FIELD,
FREDERIC B. LOOMIS,

Term expires 1925

MUNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

* HERBERT T. COWLES, Chairman

ROBERT S. FLETCHER, CADY R. ELDER,
FREDERICK TUCKERMAN, ALBION B. ALLEN.

DIRECTOR OF COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE:

WILLIAM H. ATKINS

*Deceased.

Appointed Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT :

CHARLES E. WAKEFIELD, Term expires 1925

REGISTRARS :

ROBERT S. MORGAN, Term expires 1927
EDWARD W. CARPENTER, " 1926
HENRY O. PEASE, " 1925
THOMAS W. SMITH, Clerk (ex-officio)

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS :

FREDERICK G. RUDER

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING :

JOHN J. FOWLER FREDERICK G. RUDER

FOREST FIRE WARDEN :

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL

DEPUTIES :

J. C. Ashley	G. D. Jones	C. H. Thayer
F. H. Comings	H. Juckett	C. Hiram Thayer
M. Crossman	D. E. Owen	P. E. Thayer
L. S. Dickinson	R. L. Porter	W. D. Thayer
E. L. Hartwell	E. J. Steeves	Joseph Tidlund
J. H. Howard	C. E. Stiles	F. P. Toole

ENGINEERS :

MELROSE S. PAIGE, Chief
CHARLES S. TILLSON GERALD D. JONES

POLICE OFFICERS :

MELVIN L. GRAVES

EDWARD F. O'BRIEN

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES :

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL

FIELD DRIVERS :

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL

ARTHUR TAYLOR

DANA M. ROSEBROOK

FENCE VIEWERS :

FRANK O. CURTISS

GERALD D. JONES

DANA M. ROSEBROOK

POUND KEEPER :

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL

WEIGHERS :

ROBERT ADAIR

EDWIN F. GASKILL

SAMUEL ALDRICH

JOHN P. GERMAIN

RICHARD BALLOU

GEORGE F. GREEN

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL

EDWARD L. HAZEN

JOHN E. BEMENT

CHARLES J. KING

WILLIAM H. CASEY

RICHARD J. KNIGHTLY

GEORGE E. COOLEY

HAROLD A. MAGRATH

CHARLES L. CROSSMAN

CHARLES E. MASCHMEYER

LAWRENCE S. DICKINSON

FRANK MATONIK

JOSEPHINE A. DONAHUE

JOHN ORYELL

CADY R. ELDER

MELROSE S. PAIGE

DAVID B. ELDER

EDWARD S. PUFFER

CARROLL W. EVERSON

STEPHEN P. PUFFER

FREDERICK B. SHAW

MEASURERS OF WOOD:

WILLIAM H. CASEY	MRS. NED A. KELLOGG
GEORGE E. COOLEY	CHARLES J. KING
CHARLES L. CROSSMAN	RICHARD J. KNIGHTLY
NEWTON D. CROSSMAN	JOHN ORYELL
JOHN W. DEADY	DANIEL OTTINGER
FRANK N. DICKINSON	EDWARD S. PUFFER
DAVID B. ELDER	STEPHEN P. PUFFER
GEORGE F. GREEN	HAROLD MAGRATH
EDWARD L. HAZEN	ALFRED F. SANCTUARY
NED A. KELLOGG	FREDERICK B. SHAW

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

CHARLES L. CROSSMAN	HERBERT E. HOLDEN
EDWARD L. HAZEN	

TOWN PHYSICIAN:

LAWRENCE N. DURGIN

BURIAL AGENT:

ALFRED S. GOODALE

MOTH INSPECTOR:

WILLIAM HENDERSON SMITH

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

FRED C. KENNEY	JOHN J. O'CONNELL
Term expires 1927	
JAMES W. T. DAVIS	CLARENCE W. EASTMAN
CADDY R. ELDER	
Term expires 1926	
MAUD S. MITTEN	SUSAN I. WHITAKER
Term expires 1925	

List of Jurymen

TOWN OF AMHERST, MASS.,

JULY 1, 1924.

This list is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 311 of the Acts of 1924.

Adair, Robert	Farmer	12 South East
Adams, Fred C.	Painter	Green
Adams, Robert C.	Farmer	Pleasant
Bailey, Frank W.	Pattern Maker	10 Dickinson
Baker, Ray Stannard	Writer	40 Sunset Ave.
Ball, George H.	Farmer	Pine
Bangs, Edmund I.	Plumber	29 Lincoln Ave.
Barlow, Harry E.	Insurance	157 Main
Bartlett, Bernie E.	Motorman	Pine
Bates, William L.	Conductor	Pine
Bement, John E.	Coal Dealer	103 Main
Bennett, Rodney E.	Watchman	20 Amity
Beston, John A.	Plumber	44 Lincoln Ave.
Bigelow, Henry O.	Fireman	Pleasant
Blair, Roy R.	Insurance	12 Norhampton Rd.
Blodgett, Leonard G.	Contractor	99 Main
Bolles, Ernest M.	Merchant	52 Lincoln Ave.
Bosworth, Edwin D.	Contractor	61 Pleasant
Bray, Dean W.	Operator	71 College
Broadfoot, John K.	Cashier	Pleasant
Brown, James V. B.	Carpenter	Pine
Burnett, George B.	Manufacturer	4 Sunset Ave.
Cadwell, Frank A.	Lumber Dealer	23 Pleasant
Carley, Herbert S.	Farmer	South East
Casey, William H.	Foreman	7 Sunset Ave.
Cavanaugh, John F.	Mason	23 Gray
Chapin, William T.	Treasurer	53 Pleasant
Cook, Herbert F.	Farmer	South East
Cowles, Winfred P.	Farmer	South East
Critchett, Edward R.	Foreman	Hillcrest Pl.

Crossman, Merrill W.	Teamster	32 Whitney
Crowley, Jeremiah D.	Farmer	20 Woodside Ave.
Cutler, George	Retired	42 Pleasant
Dalton, William H.	Merchant	6 Clifton Ave.
Dickinson, Edward L.	Clerk	Pleasant
Dickinson, Freeman N.	Merchant	37 Lincoln Ave.
Dickinson, Lawrence S.	Superintendent	Farview Way
Dickinson, Leon L.	Painter	19 High
Dickinson, Raymond D.	Farmer	Leverett
Eastman, Edward B. Jr.	Farmer	Mill N. A.
Elder, Cady R.	Coal Dealer	39 Amity
Eldridge, Alvah G.	Carpenter	Pomeroy Lane
Fish, Charles T.	Butter Maker	43 Fearing
Fisher, G. Edward	Merchant	63 Lincoln
Gaskill, Edwin F.	Farmer	Pleasant
Glazier, Earl H.	Mason	Pelham Road
Green, Charles R.	Librarian	Mount Pleasant
Griggs, George W.	Merchant	22 Amity
Guilford, Judson W.	Bookkeeper	20 Woodside Ave.
Harlow, Ellis C.	Farmer	East Pleasant
Harris, Charles D.	Farmer	Leverett
Harvey, Edward H.	Marketman	9 Spring
Haskins, Charles H.	Contractor	Meadow
Hastings, Asa J.	Newsdealer	6 No. Prospect
Hawley, Fred H.	Superintendent	4 Gray
Hendrick, Irving A.	Farmer	Potwine Lane
Hutchings, Herbert C.	Farmer	South East
Ives, Frank T.	Farmer	West
Jackson, Raymond H.	Merchant	57 Lincoln Ave.
Johnson, Arthur Foster	Florist	11 South Prospect
Johnson, Walter C.	Electrician	7 Woodside Ave.
Judd, Benjamin F.	Ice Cream Dealer	South East
Kelley, Thomas W.	Plumber	5 High
Kellogg, Ned A.	Merchant	132 Main
Knightly, Richard T.	Inspector	15 Cottage
Lannon, John R.	Marketman	Meadow
Leonard, John J.	Motion Pictures	39 South Pleasant
Lombard, Stanley S.	Farmer	South East
Magrath, Melvin B.	Chauffeur	South Prospect

Maher, Michael E.	Mason	32 High
Markert, Herman	Farmer	West
Montague, Enos J.	Superintendent	M. A. C.
Morgan, Walter I.	Operator	67 College
O'Rourke, Jerry	Janitor	15 So. Prospect
Ottinger, Daniel	Clerk	Meadow
Page, Herman F.	Bank Clerk	29 Pleasant
Palmer, John A.	Forester	Hillside
Parsons, Howard A.	Farmer	Leverett
Perkins, Elbridge G.	Vulcanizer	39 South Pleasant
Pierce, John E.	Farmer	Mill
Prentice, Irwin S.	Farmer	Potwine Lane
Puffer, Edward S.	Ice Dealer	Leverett
Reilly, Patrick J.	Foreman	4 Dickinson
Schoonmaker, Robert S.	Farmer	South East
Shaw, Frederick B.	Farmer	Green
Sheffield, Adelbert	Superintendent	Pine
Slate, Dwight H.	Painter	22 Cottage
Spaulding, Fred S.	Contractor	17 High
Spicer, E. Grant	Foreman	33 Cottage
Thayer, Charles Hiram	Farmer	South East
Thayer, Horace A.	Pattern Maker	36 North Prospect
Thompson, Herbert A.	Mechanic	4 High
Thomson, Henry M.	Farmer	Mill Valley
Trott, Julius H.	Merchant	17 Pleasant
Wales, Clinton M.	Farmer	Middle
Warren, John	Clerk	Chestnut
Wentworth, Henry G.	Farmer	South East
Wheelock, Paul L.	Farmer	Bay Road
Whitcomb, Ralph H.	Farmer	West
Wiley, Herbert I.	Farmer	Leverett

Authorized by

GEORGE F. HOBART,	}	Selectmen of Amherst, Mass.
EDWIN H. DICKINSON,		
WILLIAM H. ATKINS,		

Report of Town Clerk

For the year ending December 31, 1924 there have been recorded in the office of the Town Clerk the following :

Births—

Of American parents,	84
Of foreign born parents,	17
One parent foreign born,	10
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59 Males, 52 Females. Total :	111

Marriages—

Both parties American,	49
Both parties foreign,	2
One American and one foreign	6
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	57

Deaths—

American born,	74
Foreign born,	8
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43 Males, 39 Females. Total :	82

Ages at death—

Under 1 year,	12
Between 1 and 5 years,	2
10 and 20 years,	3
20 and 30 years,	1
30 and 40 years,	3
40 and 50 years,	5
50 and 60 years,	8
60 and 70 years,	16
70 and 80 years,	19
80 and 90 years,	9
90 and 100 years,	4

If any error is found in the following vital statistics the Town Clerk requests that it be made known, in order that these records shall be absolutely correct.

BIRTHS—1924

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| Jan. | 9 | Helen Elizabeth to James A. and Lulu C. Warren. |
| | 10 | Irene Catherine to Joseph and Catherine L. Knihnicki. |
| | 12 | Harlan Woodbridge to Harlan N. and Ruth S. Worthley. |
| | 12 | Joan to Earl W. and Nora H. Flebut. |
| | 16 | Edwin Paul to John and Katherine L. Dolewa. |
| | 18 | Margaret to James W. and Margaret F. Darling. |
| | 21 | Marion Gertrude to Edgar S. and Eva K. Powers. |
| | 25 | Edward Erwin to Erwin S. and Mabel S. Fulton. |
| | 25 | Inez Louise to Albert F. and Katherine Mc K. Wydeen. |
| | 28 | Harold H., Jr., to Harold H. and Lillie B. Tymeson. |
| | 31 | Virginia Louise to Arthur N. and Helen G. Julian. |
| | 31 | Miriam Louise to Herbert I. and Grace C. Wiley. |
| | 31 | Mary Virginia to Victor A. and Laura B. Rice. |
| Feb. | 6 | Madeline Olive to Harold L. and Mildred T. Hanks. |
| | 8 | Henry to Joseph and Nellie S. Wysocki. |
| | 20 | Robert Lewis to Earl F. and Vertene B. Shumway. |
| | 21 | Philip Allan to John H. and Muriel V. Vondell. |
| | 22 | Helen Martha to Frank E. and Selina D. Morin. |
| Mar. | 1 | Robert to William C. and Esther R. Monahan. |
| | 9 | Philip Elwin to Carl F. and Luella T. Goodfield. |
| | 11 | Lois Waugh to Nathan W. and Esther W. Gillette. |
| | 15 | John Patrick, Jr., to John P. and Bridget F. Clifford. |
| | 17 | Jean to Samuel C. and Frances W. Sutton. |
| | 18 | Mary Elizabeth to William S. and Dorothy N. Pickering. |
| | 23 | Arlene Augusta to Robert L. and Augusta K. Manchester. |
| | 24 | Marieaniena to Kosemera and Marieaniena L. Dolewa. |
| Apr. | 13 | Ernest Julius Gotfred, Jr., to Ernest J. G. and Almira S. Tidlund. |
| | 19 | Patricia Nella to Ellis and Alice R. Simonds. |
| | 20 | Rachel Gertrude to Paul E. and Marion H. Lyman. |
| | 28 | Barbara Eleanor to Benjamin R. and Bernice G. Turner. |
| May | 4 | Robert Eugene to William C. and Florence C. Sanctuary. |
| | 5 | Albert John to Albert J. and Esther W. Edgington. |
| | 5 | Laurence William to Bert F. and Mary C. Lovett. |
| | 8 | Edward to James F. and Susan M. Desmond. |
| | 8 | Stanley to Alex and Sophie G. Gervickas. |
| | 8 | Nelson Henry to Herbert E. and Mary W. Holden. |
| | 11 | Lois May to Fred L. and Mary L. Hill. |
| | 17 | Frederick James to Clifford and Mary S. Benoit. |

- 19 Joseph to Paul and Johanna B. Cardele.
 25 George Robert to Robert and Mary E. Hawthornthwaite.
 25 Barbara Elizabeth to Leslie M. and Gertrude S. Waldron.
 26 Mary Gertrude to Edward M. and Mary M. Ryan.
 27 Gertrude Senter to M. Glenn and Oramella S. Stockwell.
 29 Harlan to Berton and Alice M. Whitcomb.
 29 Kathleen Marie to Joseph A. P. and Catherine H. Flynn.
 31 Lorraine Jennie to Winfield S. and Mildred S. Manchester.
- June 1 Antonio to Peter and Chlementina C. Cicia.
 10 Clinton Ralph to Ralph S. and Agnes C. Hayward.
 11 Betty Martiel to Dean W. and Dorothy W. Bray.
 13 Robert Nelson to John R. and Esther W. Lannon.
 18 Edward to Ignace and Mary O. Nawskon.
 20 Frank to William and Martha K. Bokoski.
 21 Marjorie to Arthur M. and Jetta F. O'Connor.
 22 Dana Luther to Maurice L. and Clara H. Warner.
 22 William Fenton, Jr., to William F. and Marian L. Robertson.
 26 Carl Peter to Mike and Anna S. Ziomek.
 29 George Henry to Henry and Elizabeth F. Phinney.
- July 10 Fritz Sanford to Louis T. and Lillian J. Capen.
 12 Jason Osborne, Jr., to Jason O. and Marjorie S. Cook.
 24 Sabra Julia to John L. and Elizabeth S. Rogers.
 26 Herbert Alfred, Jr., to Herbert A. and Hazel W. Clark.
 28 Harlan Bolles to Everett H. and Grace E. Ladd
- Aug. 4 Suzanne Ruth to Charles P. and Ruth P. Readon.
 6 Katherine to Howard M. and Katherine O. Colvin.
 11 William James to Edward R. and Jennie R. Balise.
 15 Arthur Elwin to Earl D. and Velma T. Owen.
 16 Frederick Arthur to Edwin A. and Lucia C. Wentworth.
 19 Anna to Joseph and Martha P. Mitchell.
 20 Susan Warren to Warren K. and Ethel S. Green.
 23 Margaret Kathryn to Alfred L. and Laura S. Tower.
- Sept. 1 Nancy to Frank C. and Marion J. Seymour.
 1 Henry Edward to Henry and Edith A. Toole.
 1 Wanda to Charles and Julia T. Zyzawski.
 7 Stephen to John and Anna Bak.
 13 Bessee Mathilda to Charles E. and Vernice G. Behre.
 14 Marjorie Agnes to Thomas H. and Teresa C. Kelley.
 15 Rachel Austin to Austin W. and Esther D. Magoon.
 16 Shirley Elizabeth to Howard J. and Mabel V. Russell.
 27 Geraldine Olive to James O. and Marie P. Madden.
 29 Victor Bruce to Richard A. and Gertrude H. Mellen.
 29 Dorothy Esther to John E. and Ebba T. McKemmie.
 30 Robert Chester to John and Anna S. Green.
- Oct. 2 Sumner Chilton to Chilton L. and Theodora S. Powell.

- 4 Conrad Eugene, Jr., to Conrad E. and Elsa C. Getchell.
 6 George Eldridge to George L. and Reta E. Canuel.
 11 Doris Isabelle to Alfred A. and Alice S. Bilger.
 19 Wallace to Walter G. and Dorothy H. Noel.
 21 Jane to Warren S. and Barbara T. Gault.
 24 ————— to Hormidas B. and Laura E. Girouard.
 Nov. 1 Charles Freeman, Jr., to Charles F. and Julia C. Field.
 11 Julius Irving to Carl and Hedwig T. Watts.
 16 Tony to John and Ursula N. Kosloski.
 20 Angelina Mary to Paul and Angelina C. Battistoni.
 21 Margaret Emily to John J. and Harriet M. Joy.
 23 Arthur Andre to James F. and Marion C. Murphy.
 Dec. 3 Margaret to Michael J. and Dora J. Kennedy.
 4 David Walker to Oliver C. and Ruth W. Roberts.
 10 Edward Allen, Jr., to Edward A. and Bernice S. Wheeler.
 14 ————— to Adam and Helen T. Malenoske.
 14 Sylvia Knott to Harold R. and Ella K. Hobart.
 17 Thelma to Frank and Mary C. Paradycz.
 21 Maurice C. to Donald S. and Edith R. Lacroix.
 22 Muriel Janet to William F. and Ethel A. Richardson.
 25 David White to David W. and Bertha H. Lauder.
 27 Chester John to Nicholas and Katie W. Mileszko.
 28 Dorothy to William O. and Eugenie D. Martin.

MARRIAGES—1924

- Jan. 1 Earl E. Dickinson and Eleanor Hartnett.
 Feb. 11 John M. Guditis and Dorothy Bartusewich.
 16 James O. Madden and Marie O. Pratt.
 20 Chester T. Jekanoski and Rose A. Wysocki.
 Mar. 2 Raymond J. Lee and Myrtle C. Hanks.
 3 Leon R. Lupien and Clara B. Wright.
 9 Frank T. Frary and Maude E. Amsden.
 30 Harold W. Griffith and Aldia B. Chartier.
 Apr. 2 Harold C. Kern and Mae Rich.
 20 John H. Sawyer and Marjorie W. Ferguson.
 24 William F. Mooney and Bertha W. Smith.
 26 William H. Conant and Gladys E. Madden.
 26 Mervin A. Dewey and Bessie S. Emery.
 27 Eugene Merchant and Mabel A. Benson.
 May 1 Camille Parker and Bessie M. Marsh.
 14 Fred C. Bateman and Bella D. Busch.
 29 Frank E. Koeber and Dorothy E. Marsh.
 June 2 Edwin A. Bolter and Jennie S. Johnson.
 4 Thomas H. Barden, Jr., and Katherine A. Honnay.
 7 Arthur E. Quimby and Helen A. Johnson.

- 9 Alfred F. Gay and Ruth G. Flint.
 10 Howard E. Weatherwax and Margaret A. Davidson.
 15 Henry R. Holden and Lillian Williams.
 18 Clarence E. Gordon and Ethel F. Graves.
 26 John J. Kaess and Bertha W. Nightingale.
 28 Walter A. MacLean and Celina L. Lalime.
 28 William J. Callard and Eleanor G. Daws.
 July 12 Arthur K. Harrison and Florence E. Harrison.
 16 Robert E. Brown and Clara E. Gaffney.
 18 George E. Blackmer and Flora L. Brock.
 19 Douglas E. Knight and Elinor W. Leitch.
 26 Ernest E. Ward and Angie N. Fay.
 Aug. 3 Willard C. Frost and Virginia L. Jock.
 4 John Waskiewicz and Victoria Sawicka.
 23 Warren H. Towne and Elsie O. Scott.
 23 George L. Baker and Louise D. Pomeroy.
 23 John D. Koonz and Bertha L. Jackman.
 26 Truman Thayer and Madelyne Carpenter.
 27 Harold W. Darling and Marion M. Curtis.
 30 Roland Porter and Gertrude Crafts.
 Sept. 1 Fred Mather and Jane Smith.
 1 Fayette M. Bacon and Marguerite B. Crowe.
 5 Harold H. Shepard and Eleanor C. Geiger.
 10 Harland E. Burrows and Mary M. O'Neill.
 10 Reginald W. Hampton and Lyle B. Chandler.
 24 Charles P. Unice and Helen M. Cadagan.
 28 Henry W. Joslyn and Lillian C. Vendette.
 Oct. 3 William Adair and Fannie A. Shaw.
 9 Stanley L. Freeman and Dorothy W. Murdock.
 11 Raymond H. Horton and Marion E. White.
 13 Stanley Skinder and Minnie Kuzmeski.
 Nov. 10 Lester E. Briggs and Helen M. Jacques.
 24 Adam Cominski and Ursula Szwajkowska.
 26 Robert de Sales Mohor and Helen C. Keenan.
 26 Leslie B. Heath and Grace H. Ranney.
 27 Frances Novotny and Katharyn M. Mayer.

DEATHS—1924

		Years	Months	Days
Jan.	6 George E. Smith	54	11	7
	7 Henrietta S. Nahmer	82	10	4
	13 Charles S. Gates	66	8	13
	18 Margaret Darling			1
	19 Eliza E. Strachan	79	7	21
	23 Celecia M. Cook	71	8	11

	24	Horace P. Grosvenor	72	3	18
	27	Marion G. Powers			6
	28	Harold Tymeson, Jr.			1
	30	John F. McCarthy	53	7	27
Feb.	3	Alice D. Reed	56	5	15
	8	Miriam L. Wiley			9
	14	Arthur De Lee	38		
	17	Aurelia W. Hutchings	29	3	12
	17	Nellie A. Thurston	65		16
Mar.	2	Helen E. Warren		1	23
	9	Patrick Sullivan	71	8	15
	16	John P. Clifford, Jr.			1
	19	Mary J. Walcott	85	11	21
	26	Joseph H. Main	70	11	27
	29	Mary C. Hurley	77	9	
Apr.	1	John Pypylec	2		2
	4	Joseph S. Connery	42	7	15
	5	Edwin C. Fish	79	7	19
	7	Charles L. Goodale	84	2	12
	11	Dwight H. Cowan	69	7	22
	15	Lincoln L. Russell	19	6	
	25	Elizabeth M. Maxwell	62	9	9
	30	Adelbert E. Davis	64	3	13
May	2	Margaret M. Mahar	83	1	9
	12	William J. Beal	91	2	1
	29	Caroline V. Rockwell	84	1	8
June	6	Herbert T. Cowles	63	11	29
	7	George W. Martin	66	8	20
	12	Fidelia S. Gaylord	95	9	25
	13	William M. Slaby	15	10	2
	18	Leonard M. Hills	57	8	15
	24	Julia E. Bangs	72	4	23
	28	Albert S. Dickinson	78	6	6
July	1	Frank S. Jones	53	7	27
	5	Almira A. Paige	74	8	8
	5	Eva B. Brooks	67	6	3
	10	Henry Hawthorne	67		
	19	Philip B. Hasbrouck	54	4	18
	22	Clinton R. Hayward		1	12
	29	Etta S. Metcalf	76	10	13
Aug.	1	Caroline M. Meekins	87	8	16
	4	Ella D. Rigler	65	6	27
	4	Livingston S. Bartlett	87		22
	12	Clare L. Hill	39	3	1
	17	Ann Freling	1		23

	19	Lilla B. Reed	73		
	25	Julia M. Smith	87	9	29
Sept.	2	Frank C. Watley	47	11	21
	3	Cora S. Wilson	49	7	9
	3	William A. Burnett	61	10	22
	16	Lawrence N. Durgin, Jr.		4	29
	18	Catherine Szafran	33		
	23	Sarah E. Norton	95	6	11
	24	Anson E. Butler	72	7	2
Oct.	13	Charles E. Brigham	73	3	12
	13	Herbert D. Thayer	55	10	6
	24	Catharine Heffernan	65	6	12
	24	—— Girouard			1
	27	Lucy P. Field	76	9	21
	29	Clarence W. Dana	77	4	26
	30	John J. Leonard	48	5	4
Nov.	3	Minnie E. Barton	67		27
	13	William O. Main	15	3	1
	18	Tony Koloski			3
	23	Fred G. Allen	52	8	18
	24	Lucy H. Van Winkle	47	11	12
	27	Anita L. Fox	61	7	23
Dec.	2	Charles B. Gallond	70	4	3
	13	Henrietta Francis	71		
	13	Candida Musante	73	9	15
	21	Isabel A. Thayer	67	5	18
	22	Anna L. Shaw	68	8	2
	25	Maurice C. Lacroix			5
	28	James M. Fales	89	8	27

Four hundred and thirty dogs have been licensed. This number includes one kennel license for twenty five dogs.

Six hundred and forty four hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses have been issued.

The population of Amherst according to the last census is 5,530.

The total number of registered voters at the close of registration, Oct. 22, 1924, was: Men 1301, Women 1146.

THOMAS W. SMITH,

Town Clerk.

Report of Town Treasurer

Balance on hand December 31, 1923,

\$33,973 43

RECEIPTS

Taxes,	\$211,465 59
Income Tax,	21,851 18
Corporation public service tax,	966 36
Corporation tax-business,	4,999 76
Soldiers' exemptions,	43 44
Soldiers' bonus,	2,886 68
War polls,	138 00
National bank tax,	2,866 14
Special assessments, sprinkling,sewer,snow,	2,590 00
Sewer entrances,	675 00
Licenses,	648 88
Court fines,	1,000 50
Dog license refund,	670 67
Town and Armory Halls,	3,318 45
Protection of persons and property,	258 36
Health and sanitation,	1,348 30
Sale of Dana Street sewer beds,	100 00
Visiting nurse,	512 55
Highways,	19,073 87
Phoenix Row sidewalk abutters,	501 90
Charities, reimbursements,	415 73
Soldiers' benefits,	576 00
Education,	12,470 83
Cemeteries, sale of lots and care,	142 81
Interest on deposits,	964 83
Interest on taxes,	1,538 33
Interest refund.	1 20
Interest on perpetual care funds,	732 06

Interest on permanent public trust funds,	1,787 42	
Temporary loans,	50,000 00	
Belchertown Road loan,	28,000 00	
Perpetual care funds,	500 00	
	<u> </u>	373,044 84
		<u> </u>
		\$407,018 27

PAYMENTS

Warrants authorized by Selectmen and		
Accountant,	\$347,937 00	
Balance on hand at close of business,		
December 31, 1924,	59,081 27	
	<u> </u>	\$407,018 27

THOMAS W. SMITH,
Treasurer.

Report of Collector of Taxes

TAXES OF 1922

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1923,	\$123 35
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Cr.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	106 28
Abatements,	17 07
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	123 35

STREET SPRINKLING ASSESSMENTS OF 1922

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1923,	20 00
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Cr.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	20 00
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ANNUAL SEWER ASSESSMENTS OF 1922

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1923,	1 50
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Cr.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer	1 50
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TAXES OF 1923

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1923,	43,391 13
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Cr.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	\$41,149 38
Abatements,	1,357 05
Uncollected December 31, 1924,	884 70
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	43,391 13

STREET SPRINKLING ASSESSMENTS OF 1923

Dr.	
Uncollected December 31, 1923,	108 00
Cr.	
Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	108 00

ANNUAL SEWER ASSESSMENTS OF 1923

Dr.	
Uncollected December 31, 1923,	271 75
Cr.	
Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	271 75

SNOW REMOVAL ASSESSMENTS OF 1923

Dr.	
Uncollected December 31, 1923,	7 25
Cr.	
Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	7 25

TAXES OF 1924

Dr.	
Amount committed,	214,550 27
Cr.	
Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	\$170,190 96
Uncollected December 31, 1924,	44,359 31
	<hr/> 214,550 27

STREET SPRINKLING ASSESSMENTS OF 1924

Dr.	
Amount committed,	862 00
Cr.	
Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	\$722 00
Uncollected December 31, 1924,	140 00
	<hr/> 862 00

ANNUAL SEWER ASSESSMENTS OF 1924

Dr.

Amount committed,		1,708 25
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Cr.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	\$1,441 00	
Uncollected December 31, 1924,	267 25	
	<hr/>	1,708 25

SNOW REMOVAL ASSESSMENTS OF 1924

Dr.

Amount committed,		13 20
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Cr.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer,	\$6 00	
Uncollected December 31, 1924,	7 20	
	<hr/>	13 20

THOMAS W. SMITH,

Collector of Taxes.

Assessors' Report

State Tax,		\$13,100 00
State Highway Tax,		2,680 96
County Tax,		18,516 82
Town Appropriations,	\$224,003 54	
Less estimated receipts,	\$36,000 00	
Income Tax,	10,889 20	
	<u>46,889 20</u>	177,114 34
Overlay,		<u>2,937 18</u>
		\$214,349 30
Less 1,659 polls at \$2 00,		<u>3,318 00</u>
		\$211,031 30
Total value real estate,	\$6,697,848 00	
Tax on real estate,		170,125 34
Total value personal estate,	1,610,471 00	
Tax on personal estate,		40,905 96
	<u>\$8,308,319 00</u>	
Total valuation,		
Tax rate, \$25.40		<u>\$211,031 30</u>
Street sprinkling assessments,		860 00
Snow removal assessments,		13 20
Sewer assessments,		1,708 25
1,075 polls at \$2.00		<u>2,150 00</u>
Additional assessments of Dec. 15, 1924:		
Valuation of real estate,	\$1,075 00	
Tax on real estate,		27 31
Valuation of personal estate,	2,900 00	
Tax on personal estate,		73 66
50 polls at \$2.00		100 00
Street sprinkling assessment,		<u>2 00</u>
Total amount committed to Collector in 1924,		\$215,965 72

Number of horses assessed,	581
Number of cows assessed,	1,208
Number of sheep assessed,	1
Number of neat cattle assessed,	252
Number of fowls assessed,	12,435
Number of swine assessed,	117
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	1,297
Number of acres of land assessed,	16,123

EXEMPTED PROPERTY.

Property of the United States,	\$3,000 00
Property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	2,252,661 00
Literary Institutions,	1,901,293 00
Benevolent Institutions,	20,566 00
Charitable Institutions,	8,977 00
Organizations of War Veterans,	5,673 00
Houses of Religious Worship,	198,250 00
Town Property,	525,086 00
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	\$4,915,506 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. HOBART,	}	Assessors of Amherst.
WILLIAM H. SMITH,		
FRANK O. CURTISS,		

Dec. 31, 1924.

Report of Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen organized on March 5, 1924 with George F. Hobart as chairman.

The rapidly increasing amount of motor travel causes a like increase in the care and expense of road maintenance and we feel that the management of our highways the past year has shown both efficiency and economy.

Approximately two thousand feet of macadam near and northerly from the Experiment Station was scarified and re-surfaced and we plan to continue this work along the so-called "Aggie Flat" during the coming year.

One application of Tarvia was applied to the macadam roads and by constant attention to patching worn and broken places we have kept them in very good condition.

Four carloads of dust oil were applied to the dirt roads with most satisfactory results and we propose using six carloads in 1925, believing that it has proven of great value in preserving the surface and saving the wear of the streets where it has been applied.

The purchase and use of a Ford truck in the Highway Department has also proved an item of economy in the transportation of workmen, tools and road materials.

The construction of the Belchertown Road by the State incidentally caused a great deal of wear and tear to several of our streets and bridges, through the trucking of hundreds of loads of field stones, thereby making repairs necessary which cost us approximately one thousand dollars.

We have every reason to believe that work will be pushed on the Belchertown Road as soon as spring opens and that traffic in that direction will not be greatly interfered with.

The loan for Amherst's share in this road which amounted to \$28,000, was placed at a net rate of 3.92 per cent, a most desirable figure.

A new cement walk has been laid in front of Phoenix Row costing \$1,000 one-half of which was contributed by the abutters. The gutters along Phoenix and Merchants Rows were graded to the road centers and macadamized.

Considerable graveling of dirt roads will be necessary in order to maintain them as they should be since more use is made of them by automobilists each year and we cannot afford to let them deteriorate.

The matter of new sidewalks, which for several years has awaited action, we believe should come before the town for earnest consideration. The Selectmen recommend that a policy be adopted whereby an appropriation of at least \$2000 be annually made for this purpose and have so incorporated this item in their requested appropriations.

We suggest that the above amount be expended for a cement walk to be laid northerly from Kiely's Garage and that the appropriations made in subsequent years be used to continue the walk to the M. A. C. grounds.

We are not unmindful that the present tar walks must be maintained and are recommending the appropriation of \$1,000 for re-surfacing and repair of these sidewalks.

The opening of cross traffic at the College Hall corner will make necessary the placing of a traffic beacon at this point and the requested appropriation for Police includes \$300 for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. HOBART,	}	Board of Selectmen
EDWIN H. DICKINSON,		
WILLIAM H. ATKINS,		

Report of Overseers of the Poor

The register of persons aided during 1924 shows a total of only twenty-eight to whom relief of either a temporary or permanent nature has been rendered.

The decrease from our usual number is partly accounted for by the death or the removal to the care of friends of several of our more costly cases.

Amherst is very fortunate in the matter of expense for public aid, due in part to good labor conditions, and in a considerable measure to the relief made possible through contributions of money and children's clothing from individuals and organizations, which are distributed through another agency.

All requests for relief are carefully investigated and we seldom find a case which is not deserving.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. HOBART.	} Overseers	
EDWIN H. DICKINSON,		} of the
WILLIAM H. ATKINS,		} Poor.

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1924 :

The Board met for organization on March 8, 1924 electing Dr. Lawrence N. Durgin, Chairman.

At this meeting the following appointments were made:

Thomas W. Smith, Secretary for Board.

Arthur F. Bardwell, Agent for Board.

Frederick G. Ruder and John J. Fowler, Inspectors of Slaughtering.

The Board wishes at this time to express its appreciation to Dr. Nelson C. Haskell, who after twelve years of continuous service, retired on March first. The major portion of the duties necessarily fall upon the medical member of the Board. Dr. Haskell performed his duties with celerity, good judgment and remarkable skill. His work in discovering the source of Scarlet Fever in the epidemic of 1923 was most commendable.

On December first Shick Test and Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin clinics were held at the Town Hall with the following results:

The Shick Test administered to 149 children and 15 adults. One hundred thirty-eight children and 15 adults gave a positive reaction and were given the Toxin-Antitoxin.

The Board of Health urges that more townspeople take advantage of these clinics. The administration of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin is a harmless procedure and greatly reduces the incidence of Diphtheria in the community.

It is the aim of the Board of Health to conduct these clinics bi-annually. Due notice will be given before the clinics are held and all are freely invited to attend.

The majority of cases of Scarlet Fever encountered during the past year have been very mild, sore throat and fever being slight and the rash so faint as to be discovered only by careful inspection. This form of the disease is the most difficult to control as a good many cases are so mild that they are unrecognized

and therefore not reported. These unconfined cases spread the disease by direct contact. Any case of infectious or contagious disease should be immediately reported to the Town Clerk.

The Board of Health wishes to thank the Agricultural College and Experiment Station for their courtesy in examining milk samples and swabs from throats.

The following contagious diseases were reported during the year:

Anterior Poliomyelitis,	1
Chicken Pox,	16
Diphtheria,	7
Lobar Pneumonia,	3
German Measles,	1
Measles,	4
Mumps,	68
Ophthalmia Neonatorum,	1
Scarlet Fever,	30
Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	7
Tuberculosis of hilum glands,	2
Whooping Cough,	1
Total,	<hr/> 141

Licenses granted by the Board of Health as follows:

Milk Dealers,	15
Denatured Alcohol,	8
Oleomargarine,	10
Slaughter,	6

The reports of the inspectors of slaughter show the following:

Beef,	514 inspections,	40 condemnations
Veal,	1139 inspections,	30 condemnations
Swine,	286 inspections,	4 condemnations
Sheep,	17 inspections	

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE N. DURGIN,	} Board of Health.
FRANK N. DICKINSON,	
PHILIP H. SMITH,	

Report of the Trust Fund Commissioners

In accordance with the provisions of Statute your Commissioners submit the following report:

HERBERT B. ADAMS FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$2,739 31	Jan. 1, 1925,	\$2,739 31
Depository, Amherst Savings Bank.			
Earnings, 1924,	\$124 62		
Disbursements:			
	Second Congregational Church,	\$62 31	
	Amherst Library Association,	62 31	
		<hr style="width: 50px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$124 62	

The will provides that the income from this fund shall be divided equally between the Second Congregational Church and The Amherst Library Association.

E. F. COOK LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$1,818 78
Earnings, 1924,	82 72
	<hr style="width: 50px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$1,901 50

Depository, Amherst Savings Bank.
Disbursements: None.

E. F. COOK FOUNTAIN FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$2,346 54
Earnings, 1924,	106 75

Depository, Amherst Savings Bank.

Income transferred to Cook Fountain Fund Income Account for the care and maintenance of the Cook Fountain.

The will requires that the income from at least \$2,000.00 be available for the care and maintenance of Cook Fountain.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$15,981 74	
Perpetual Care Deposits, 1924,	475 00	
	<hr/>	\$16,456 74

Earnings, 1924, \$732.06, transferred to Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Account for care and maintenance of funded lots.

THE MUNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$32,006 82	
Earnings, 1924,	1,554 91	
	<hr/>	\$33,561 73

Depositories:

Amherst Savings Bank,	\$4,666 80
Athol Savings Bank,	1,947 40
Gardner Savings Bank,	1,876 37
Westfield Savings Bank,	2,178 87
\$13,000 2d Reg. Lib. 4¼ Bonds, at cost,	11,416 03
\$13,000 4th Reg. Lib. 4¼ Bonds, at cost,	11,476 26
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	\$33,561 73

Disbursements: None.

The disbursements are under control of the Trustees of the Munson Memorial Library Fund.

WHITING STREET FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$8,285 08	
Earnings, 1924,	360 04	
	<hr/>	\$8,645 12

Depositories:

Par value \$2,000 North. Pac. 4% Reg. Bonds at cost,	\$1,842 89
" " 3,000 C. B. & Q. 4% " " "	2,771 84
" " 500 N.Y.C.R.R. 5% " " "	509 65
" " 3,000 A. T & S. F. 4% " " "	2,829 68
Amherst Savings Bank,	331 02
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	\$8,285 08

Disbursements: Earnings, \$360.04 transferred to the Whiting Street Income Account, available through the Selectmen for the relief of worthy persons not aided through the Charities Department.

S. WHITE DICKINSON WEST CEMETERY
MAINTENANCE FUND

Jan. 1, 1924,	\$2,000 00	
Earnings, 1924,	91 01	
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Depository: Westfield Savings Bank.

Disbursements: Earnings, \$91.01 transferred to the S. White Dickinson Cemetery Fund Income account.

This is a fund established by Anna W. Dickinson in memory of her father, the income only to be used by the Cemetery Commissioners toward the upkeep of the West Cemetery.

FRED C. KENNEY, Chairman.

CADY R. ELDER

FRED H. HAWLEY, Secretary.

Fire Engineers' Report

There has been a total number of 84 alarms divided as follows: 59 telephone, 15 bell, seven verbal, and three false alarms.

There were five trips to South Amherst, six to North Amherst, five to Cushman, and one to Sunderland, the rest being in the center. Thirty four of these alarms were for chimney fires, five were in dwellings, five in business places, and eight in barns, sheds, etc., seven automobiles, seven grass and brush fires, one in the public rubbish dump, one oil burner, one tar kettle, and one hollow tree. Seventy five hundred feet of hose was used, the auto pump was used once, and the big chemical 12 times.

The fire at Andrew Busauski's was the only house that was a total loss, there being no water handy. the only supply being the river, some 800 feet distant. The old Alpha Delta Phi house on Sellen street represented the largest loss of any, there being a total of about \$12,000 on real estate and personal property.

The total valuation of buildings on which there was any loss amounted to \$88,000, the total insurance \$90,700, and the loss \$16,195.

The valuation of all contents where there was a loss amounted to \$32,400, the total insurance \$25,000, with a fire loss of \$10,800, making a total fire loss in the town of \$26,995. There has been a steady increase in the number of alarms since 1917 when we had only 36 calls, the principal cause being carelessness in the disposition of waste papers, and the steady increase in the use of automobiles.

Attention is called to the very hazardous condition in which the cellars of some of our business blocks are kept, also to those of private houses. There is no better way to prevent fire than to take precaution against the accumulation of waste paper, boxes, and refuse in general.

Following is the list of fires:

- Jan. 1 Charles Crossman, Dickinson St.
- 5 Frank Turcott, 39 Main St.
- 13 Michael Goral, West St., South Amherst.

- 15 Albert Parsons, North Amherst.
- 17 Patrick Martin, Fearing St.
- 18 Fred J. Humphrey, Automobile.
- 21 Frank West, Shumway St.
- 21 John E. Dorsey, 3 South East St.
- 21 Andrew Busauski, Summer St., North Amherst.
- 24 Dump, Kendrick Place.
- Feb. 2 Arthur Crutch, 96 South Pleasant St.
- 5 A. F. Bardwell, 38 Pleasant St.
- 11 Charles Bolaski, Cushman.
- 11 Frank Hobart, North Amherst.
- 22 F. H. Benoit, Belchertown Road.
- Mar. 11 Irwin Bryant, 72 Main St.
- 13 Tar kettle, Triangle St.
- 13 Phi Kappa Psi, College St.
- 14 Jacob Malitory, Sunderland.
- 14 Dump, Triangle St.
- 16 Peter Staniswski, Triangle St.
- 16 Edward B. Eastman, North Amherst.
- 21 Adolph La Venture, Railroad St.
- 22 Mrs. Anson D. Morse, 28 Northampton Road.
- 22 Grass fire, Dana St.
- 23 Stanley S. Lombard, South Amherst.
- 23 Hango Takahashi, Hillside Ave.
- 23 Irwin Bryant, 72 Main St.
- 27 Grass fire, Amity St.
- 27 William Bokoski, North Amherst.
- Apr. 7 M. S. Paige, Amity St.
- 14 Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan, 48 Whitney St.
- 15 Catherine Hayes, 17 Phillips St.
- 16 Raymond Jackson, Lincoln Ave.
- 17 Grass fire, South Amherst.
- 18 Catholic Church, Pleasant St.
- 24 Miss Cobb, 75 Northampton Road.
- May 5 Michael Keefe, 15 Whitney St.
- 7 Bernie Herbert, Shumway St.
- 12 George T. Russell, 26 Cottage St.
- 23 Stanley Jackson, South East St.

- 27 Irwin Bryant, 72 Main St.
- 30 Michael Murphy, 75 College St.
- 31 W. W. Chenoweth, North Amherst.
- June 1 Mrs. Flavel Gaylord, Gaylord St.
- 3 False alarm, Box 16.
- 3 Elizabeth S. Boynton, 32 North Prospect St.
- 10 Benjamin E. Mellor, 10 Kellogg Ave.
- 11 False alarm, Box 15.
- 16 Mrs. John Burke, Ford automobile.
- July 4 Jaynes Brown, Pelham Road.
- 15 John McCarthy, 50 Northampton Road.
- Aug. 4 Theodore Perkins, 13 East St.
- 8 G. E. Collis, 3 Phillips St.
- 25 George W. Whitcomb, Pleasant St.
- Sept. 22 Arthur Tatham, Ford truck.
- Oct. 13 Grass fire, Pelham Road.
- 19 Theodore Perkins, 13 East St.
- 21 Peter Mitchell, North East St.
- 22 Kiely Bros., Automobile.
- 25 Amherst College, South Pleasant St.
- 30 William McGrath, Main St.
- 31 Hollow tree, North Amherst.
- 31 False alarm, M. A. C.
- Nov. 2 Grass fire, Cushman.
- 6 William McGrath, 16 Kellogg Ave.
- 8 F. A. Cadwell, 23 Pleasant St.
- 18 Jaynes Brown, Pelham Road.
- 18 Alpha Delta Phi, Sellen St.
- 23 Edward J. Deady, 27 High St.
- 23 Paul Shumway, South Prospect St.
- 28 William C. Dreher, 81 Pleasant St.
- Dec. 2 Cook's Block, Main St.
- 2 False alarm, Box 31.
- 4 Herbert D. Thayer Est., North Amherst.
- 10 E. N. Pariseau Est., Amity St.
- 10 Mrs. Helen V. Mentor, 60 Pleasant St.
- 11 Frank E. Ledoyt, Thayer St.
- 16 Alpha Delta Phi, South Pleasant St.

- 18 Frank L. Vollinger, South Amherst.
- 20 Mrs. Ellen Smith, 52 Pleasant St.
- 20 William Martin, Phillips St.
- 23 Dr. Frederick Tuckerman, 16 College St.
- 26 Frank Lashaway, Cushman.

Report of the Visiting Nurse

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit the following report
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1924.

Number of patients receiving care,	315	
Medical cases,	151	
Surgical cases,	14	
Obstetrical cases,	38	
Prenatal cases,	41	
Infant welfare cases,	71	
Number of nursing visits,		1208
Number of Instructive visits,		471
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Total number of visits,		1679
Cash received from patients,		\$410 25
Metropolitan cheque,		113 50
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Total amount received,		\$523 75

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR E. DOWD,

Visiting Nurse.

Report of Town Planning Board

The Planning Board recognizes that conditions in the village of Amherst are such as to create a serious fire risk and that such conditions, without some form of building regulation, will grow worse rather than better. The Board has held several meetings in which this matter has been discussed and has had the help of members of the town committee on building and of the State Consultant on Housing and Planning who came up from Boston to meet with the Board.

The preparation of a zoning plan for the whole town has been considered but it has not seemed best to the Board to prepare such a plan at the present time. The Board will, however, submit at the next town meeting a proposed by-law regulating building within a certain zone covering the center of the village. It believes that unless some such action is taken without delay the fire risk will increase till risk becomes reality.

The attractiveness of the town and village of Amherst is apparent to all who give it thought and is frequently remarked upon by strangers who visit us. It is greatly to our interest, financially as well as otherwise, to preserve it. This attractiveness is the direct reason why some of our residents have made this town their home and will in the future bring others to do so. We cannot afford to injure it or to neglect the safety of persons and property by further fire risk.

Surveys have been made of the land owned by the town in the rear of the High School and of portions of Lincoln Avenue and North Pleasant Streets and studies for these will be prepared.

Several matters submitted to the Board by residents of the town have been considered and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD,

By ARTHUR K. HARRISON, Chairman.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Board of Selectmen of Amherst:

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure of presenting herewith my report of work done during the year ending December 31, 1924.

	SEALED	ADJUSTED	CONDEMNED
Platform scales over 5000 lbs.	8	2	1
Platform scales under 5000 lbs.	127	34	3
Computing scales (platform),	21	19	
Counter scales,	21		
Beam scales,	13		
Spring scales,	12	5	
Measuring machines,	1		
Weights (avoirdupois),	585	35	19
Liquid measures,	96		
Linear measures,	20		
Measuring pump (oil, gasoline),	25	20	
Measuring pump (molasses),	7		
Prescription scales,	4		
Jewellers scales,	2		
Apothecary weights,	96		
Dry measures,	4		
Metric weights,	18		
Troy weights,	34		
School scales,	6		
Quantity stops,	132		

COMMODITIES TESTED AND RE-WEIGHED

	TESTED	CORRECT	UNDER WT.	OVER WT.
Charcoal in bags,	108	98	8	2
Wood,	22	22		
Grain and feed,	116	116		
Flour,	462	434	8	20
Ice,	16	16		

	TESTED	CORRECT	UNDER WT.	OVER WT.
Bread,	2175	1375	325	475
Butter,	1203	1056	102	45
Coal in wagons,	13	9	2	2
Meats and provisions,	1430	1430		
Confectionery,	895	895		
Gasoline and oil,	116	103	11	2
Mass. sealed bottles,	635	635		
Berry baskets,	350	350		
Hay,	82	74	8	
Ice cream boxes,	50	50		
Liquid commodities,	1803	1803		
Dry commodities,	1960	1935	5	20
Fruits and vegetables,	1515	1500	10	5
Milk jars,	185	185		
Milk cans,	150			

INSPECTION

Scales,	355
In stores,	325
Hawkers' and pedlers' licenses,	15
Hawkers' and pedlers' scales,	10
Coal certificates,	40
Milk dealers' wagons,	102
Junk dealers' wagons,	6
Ice dealers' wagons,	16
Clinical thermometers,	20
Total number violations,	8
Total amount of fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer,	\$125 46

Heavy platform scales are inspected at least every sixty days, and the sealer endeavors to keep all scales used in stores and markets constantly under inspection.

The prompt reporting of any case of short weights or measures will receive immediate attention of the sealer.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL,

Sealer.

Report of Forest Fire Warden

During the year there have been 20 forest fires, 13 more than last year.

Five hundred and sixty permits were issued for fires. There was three weeks closed season that no permits were issued.

Attention should be called each year to the statute requiring a permit for fires in the open between March 1 and December 1, and all slash remaining from a cut wood or timber lot must be removed from a space of forty feet adjoining property and along roadsides.

Automobile parties and hunters are requested to use caution about smoking or starting fires along the roadsides.

The hand extinguishers are kept in places where they may best afford protection against building and forest fires. With each of these is kept acid and soda for recharging them, thus adding to their efficiency. It is requested that all who have these extinguishers keep them in a warm place in the winter so they will not freeze.

The location of the extinguishers is as follows:

Cushman—At J. P. Germain's store and residences of Herbert Dubay, J. Clifton Ashley, Raymond Spear, and Fred Comins.

North Amherst—Residence of Charles Thompson.

East Amherst—Ned Kellogg's store (2).

South Amherst—Post office and at the residences of George Hayward, Pearl Thayer, Wilber O. Shumway, William H. Smith, Charles E. Stiles, Sumner R. Parker, William H. Sanderson, Ernest Hartwell, Frank Ives, Charles Hiram Thayer, Winfred Cowles, William W. Smith, Charles H. Thayer, Edwin R. Smith, Fred Adams, Fred Jewett and Dana M. Rosebrook.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL,
Forest Fire Warden.

Report of the Tree Warden

The Tree Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1924.

During the year 10 old trees have been taken out and 35 new ones have been set out. Attention has been given to trimming. The wind did a lot of damage.

On account of disease attacking young maple trees much time has been given to their pruning thus hoping to arrest the spread of the disease.

The Electric Light Company at their own expense has employed the Tree Warden to trim the trees along their lines for the clearance of their wires. This has been a benefit to the town as well as to the trees in that many dead limbs have been removed. The Tree Warden has been similarly employed by the Telephone Company.

As there is still opportunity for quite a number of trees to be set out it is hoped that the work may be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. BARDWELL,

Tree Warden.

Library Report

THE JONES LIBRARY
INCORPORATED
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
Dec. 31, 1924

TRUSTEES

John M. Tyler, President
George Cutler, Treasurer
Ernest M. Whitcomb, Clerk

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First National Bank of Amherst

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Dorothy M. Fish, Assistant
Annise B. Kane, Cataloger
Frances Powers, Secretary
Jennie M. Read, Children's Librarian
Enos N. Upham, Custodian of Property

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees of The Jones Library, Inc., herewith submit financial statement of the Trust from January 1, 1924 to the close of business December 31, 1924.

The books of The Jones Library have been audited by Edwin S. Doubleday, Certified Public Accountant, of Springfield, whose certificate is attached hereto. A detailed report of the Auditor's statement is on file with the Town Clerk.

The net income from invested Securities for the twelve (12) months covered by the above statement was \$40,612.86.

The Trustees of The Jones Library, Inc., have received during the current year from the Morristown Trust Co., which was Trustee for Mrs. S. Stenger (now deceased), under the will of Samuel Minot Jones, cash and securities amounting to \$28,371.53, which are included in the detailed list of securities as presented in the Auditor's report.

The total expenses of the Trustees for the same period have been \$23,617.26. This covers the entire expense of operating the Library for the year, making additions to equipment, books, etc., trust management and incidental expenses.

The Trustees have continued the policy of reinvesting and turning into principal all surplus funds not required in the operation of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN M. TYLER,
Trustee.

(Signed) GEORGE CUTLER,
Trustee.

(Signed) E. M. WHITCOMB,
Trustee.

THE JONES LIBRARY, INCORPORATED

December 31, 1924

ASSETS

U. S. Government Bonds.....	\$137,544.81
Other Bonds	507,387.35
Bank and Trust Co. Stocks.....	46,100.00
Other Stocks received from Estate.....	31,445.00
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Bank De- posits.....	70,000.00
Cash	10,515.47
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	\$802,992.63

LIABILITIES

Trust Estate's Principal.....	\$793,371.89
Trust Estate's Income.....	8,408.97
Undistributed Appropriation for Maintenance	1,211.77
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	\$802,992.63

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of The Jones Library, Incorporated, as set forth herein, and have found them correctly entered and properly vouched.

DOUBLEDAY, FARQUHAR & DOUBLEDAY,

by (Signed) Edwin S. Doubleday,

Certified Public Accountant

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of The Jones Library, Incorporated:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith a summary report of the work of the Library for the calendar year 1924, just ended. Circulation statistics and other material of this kind will be found at the end of this report, but there are various features of our library work worth mentioning here.

Our Sunday afternoon hours, from three to six, planned originally for those people too busy or too tired to come to the library during the working days and evenings of the week, have been very much worthwhile, thoroughly appreciated by new-comers and others as well. The Sunday afternoon meetings at five o'clock during the winter months have been full of interest and seem to have become eagerly anticipated events in our scheme of affairs. This situation was so well expressed by Dr. Charles S. Walker in one of his recent addresses that I venture to give it here:

The light of the old New England home gleamed warm and bright as it burned on the broad hearthstone of the living room. It was never more cheerful than on Sunday evening when the household gathered about it for singing and story telling. Fortunate were young folk and old when a relative, or distinguished guest from a distance, looked into the eyes of the company and seeing the flames reflected from them told the latest news or inspired his attentive hearers with a new zeal to make life worth living. Today home life has so expanded that the home-town draws back from distant scenes the children gone forth to seek their fortune. On their return they find a community house in which fellow-citizens meet together as members of one large family.

So for three winters past have the good folk of Amherst met together in The Jones Library assembly room Sunday evenings to spend an hour together enjoying music and listening to men and women, members of their own family, tell the story of their wandering in foreign lands, or set forth some new thought, feeling, or purpose their own experience and research have revealed. Thus are the good times, spent around the fireside of Thomas Jones by Sam Jones and his cousins Eugene and Roswell Field, continued

in the Library which the legacy of Samuel Minot Jones has provided for all the people of the town of his boyhood.

The list on another page gives the names of the speakers and the subjects considered at these Sunday afternoon meetings, and to each and every person who has helped in this work we give our sincere thanks. By their contribution of time and talent they have made pleasant and profitable what otherwise might have been idle and wasted hours.

The records showing a circulation of 73,711 books, magazines, and pictures are especially interesting when one considers our supply of about twelve thousand volumes and the active registration of about four thousand borrowers. Counting the book circulation alone, 68,616 volumes, this means, as the merchants say, a turning over of stock more than five times during the year—a circulation of more than seventeen volumes per registered borrower, and about ten volumes per capita in the town and college population. It is worth noting in this connection that our Library books are to be found in every school room in Amherst and Pelham. We are working in close and happy co-operation with the High School, with the conviction that a good library there and one of our assistants appointed to the special task of looking after school libraries and all the school people is one of the finest lines of work for us to develop before very long.

The town of Amherst—"the village among the trees," as we like to call it, is a comparatively small town as New England towns go, but it is not an uncommon thing to hear expressions of regret about the conflict of dates in social or other affairs. The colleges, churches, schools, lodges, and even The Jones Library, join in providing the greatest variety of cultural and educational entertainment, and it is small wonder if people frequently find themselves uninformed as to what is going on or undecided as to which affair to attend. With the idea of making available in a fairly central and public place accurate information about the many events of the week and the month, the Library has assumed the responsibility of keeping a "Community Calendar." The posting of this calendar in the glass covered

bulletin board on the east wall of the Amherst house block, between the drug store and the book store makes it available to the largest number of people. This is an experiment with us, depending for its success upon the heartiest co-operation of all the organizations in town. I have high hope of its being worth continuing.

The year has been an especially busy one in planning for the two flower shows and the nine exhibitions of photographs, prints and books. The very general interest in all of these affairs justifies us in hoping that we shall be able to continue finding worth while material for other exhibitions from time to time. The cultural and educational value of these exhibitions, comparatively meager as they are, is not to be overlooked.

An unusual number of books, pictures and manuscripts have come to the Library during the year as gifts from friends of the institution. We are especially indebted to the following donors: Miss Elizabeth J. Ball, Mr. Ray Stannard Baker, Pres. Kenyon L. Butterfield, Mrs. C. Fred Deuel, Mr. Walter A. Dyer, Mrs. A. C. McCloud and Mrs. W. A. Smith. The collection of local history material is increasing in size and value and will be of great use to students of history as the years go by.

Our staff continues the same except that Mr. Newhall retires from his position as custodian of property after two years of faithful service and Enos N. Upham has been selected as his successor. To all of my assistants, the members of the board of trustees and the scores of good people who have helped by their cooperation and contributions to make this Library efficient and attractive I am sincerely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. GREEN,

Librarian.

MEETINGS HELD IN THE JONES LIBRARY DURING 1924

American Legion	3
Amherst Boy Scouts	3
Amherst Business Men's Association	11
Amherst Cemetery Association	2
Amherst Chapter American Red Cross	1
Amherst Girl Scouts	1
Amherst Grange	1
Amherst High School	5
Amherst Historical Society	4
Amherst Home for Aged Women	9
Amherst Interchurch Union	13
Amherst Parent-Teacher Association	2
Amherst Teachers	2
Amherst Woman's Club	28
Daughters of Isabella	1
Daughters of the American Revolution	2
First Congregational Church	8
Hampshire County Extension Service	1
Massachusetts Agricultural College	2
Massachusetts University Extension Courses	13
South Amherst Church	1
Thursday Club	1
Unitarian Church	3
W. C. T. U.	2
Women's Republican Committee	2
Y. P. S. C. E.	1
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Twenty-six organizations or committees of various associations.

Sunday afternoon meetings and other general public gatherings (such as library clubs or institutes) are in addition to the above.

AT FIVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

January 6 to December 28, 1924

- Jan. 6. New York To Cairo. Mrs. Margaret B. Hopkins.
 13. Readings from Amherst Poets. Mrs. Alice M. Walker.
 20. Program of Vocal and Instrumental Music. Music Section of the Amherst Woman's Club.
 27. A Civic Opportunity for the Middle Aged. Mr. Reginald Washburn, Worcester, Mass.
- Feb. 3. Early New England Academies. Mr. John D. Willard.
 10. An Address on Abraham Lincoln. Prof. Frederic L. Thompson.
 17. A Program of Book Reviews.
 24. The Public Schools of Amherst. Mr. W. H. Brown and Mr. G. L. Farley.
- Mar. 2. Civic Forum. Discussion of Town Meeting Affairs.
 9. A Program of Vocal and Instrumental Music. Mrs. R. J. McFall, Miss Anna L. Kidder and Prof. F. A. Waugh.
 16. Boys of Today—Men of Tomorrow. Mr. Roy O. Wyland, New York City, N. Y.
- Nov. 30. Woman's Work in Winning the West. Dr. Charles S. Walker.
- Dec. 7. Seeing Italy in 1924. Mrs. Frederick S. Allis.
 14. Scientific Paradoxes in Everyday Life. Prof. S. R. Williams.
 21. Walking in England. Prof. George F. Whicher.
 23. A Program of Vocal and Instrumental Music. North Amherst Friends of the Library.

STATISTICS

January—December, 1924

Name of Library: The Jones Library, Incorporated
 Date of Incorporation: March 21, 1919
 Open for Circulation: September, 7, 1921
 Population served (1920 Census), 5550 plus 1300 College Students.

Terms of use: Free for lending and reference to the people of Amherst and vicinity.

Number of days open, January to December: 330
 Hours open each week: (Summer Schedule, 60) 63
 Number of newspapers currently received: 19

Number of periodicals currently received:	106
Meetings of associations or committees:	122
Sunday afternoon meetings:	16
with approximate attendance of:	1800
Picture Collection:	7305
Books added—adult department:	1,026
Books added—children's department:	412
Total number of books added during the year:	1395

	Adult Dept.	Children's Dept.	Total
Attendance	26,615	11,197	37,812
Circulation	52,411	21,300	73,711
Registrations to date	3,218	1,029	4,247
Books on hand	9,178	3,000	12,178

Town Accountant

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Gentlemen: Having complied with the laws governing the audit of town accounts, I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1924.

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Current Year

Poll,	\$ 2,830 00	
Personal,	35,155 72	
Real Estate,	132,205 24	
	<hr/>	170,190 96

Previous Years

Poll,	\$ 1,399 00	
Personal,	4,738 89	
Real Estate,	35,136 74	
	<hr/>	41,274 63

STATE

War Polls,	138 00	
Corp. Tax, Public Service,	966 36	
Corp. Tax, Business,	4,999 76	
National Bank Tax,	2,866 14	
Income Tax,	21,851 18	
Soldiers' Exemptions,	43 44	
	<hr/>	30,864 88

LICENSES

Gasoline,	15 50
Transient Vendor,	48 38
Oleo,	5 50
Liquor,	3 00
Massage,	1 00
Billiards,	32 00
Used Car,	60 00

Milk,	8 00	
Firearms,	15 50	
Clothing,	100 00	
Auctioneer,	2 00	
Victualler,	16 00	
Alcohol,	4 00	
Slaughter,	204 00	
Junk,	75 00	
Furniture,	15 00	
Division Standards,	44 00	
	<hr/>	648 88

FINES

Court,	1,000 50	1,000 50
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BONUS

From State,	2,886 68	2,886 68
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

Dog Licenses,	670 67	
Individuals,	601 90	1,272 57
		<hr/> 248,139 10

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Entrances,	675 00	
“ Assessments,	1,694 50	
Street Watering,	861 00	
Snow Removal,	34 50	
	<hr/>	3,265 00 3,265 00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Halls

Town Hall—		
Rent,	2,956 45	
Furniture,	2 00	
	<hr/>	2,958 45
Armory Hall—		
Rent,	360 00	360 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department

Overpayment,	1 00	
Wagon,	25 00	
Damage to Hydrant,	62 70	
	<hr/>	88 70

Inspection

Weights and Measures,	125 46	125 46
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Forestry

Forest Fires,	44 20	44 20
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health

Visiting Nurse,	512 55	512 55
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Sanitation

Garbage Collection,	969 00	969 00
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Reimbursement

From Towns,	379 30	379 30
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HIGHWAYS

Highways

Material,	103 97	
Damage to Hydrant,	18 15	
County, Belchertown Rd.,	18,951 75	
	<hr/>	19,073 87

CHARITIES

Reimbursement

Cities,	285 73	
State,	130 00	
	<hr/>	415 73

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid,	576 00	576 00
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EDUCATION

Tuition, State Wards,	1,448 27	
Tuition, Other,	6,734 23	
Unclassified,	636 99	
Domestic Science,	3,301 34	
Academy Fund,	350 00	
	<hr/>	12,470 83 37,974 09

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots,	100 00		
Care of Lots,	42 81		
	<hr/>	142 81	142 81

INTEREST

On Deposits,	964 83		
On Taxes,	1,538 33		
Refund,	1 20		
	<hr/>	2,504 36	2,504 36

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation Loans,	50,000 00		
Belchertown Road Loan,	28,000 00		
	<hr/>	78,000 00	78,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST

Trust

Perpetual Care Funds,	500 00		
Perpetual Care Funds, Income,	732 06		
Permanent Trust Funds,	1,787 42		
	<hr/>	3,019 48	3,019 48

TRANSFERS

Police from Reserve,	1,000 00		
New Hydrants from Reserve,	110 00		
Education from Reserve,	1,150 00		
Forest Fires from Reserve,	75 00		
Assessors from Reserve,	22 77		
Collector from Reserve,	114 87		
Health from Reserve,	440 00		
	<hr/>	2,912 64	2,912 64
Cash Dec. 31, 1923.			33,973 43
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			409,930 91

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative Department

Moderator,	10 00	10 00	
Planning Board—			
Surveying,	30 24		
Association Dues,	10 00		
	<hr/>	40 24	50 24

Selectmen's Department

Salaries—			
Chairman,	600 00		
Other Selectmen,	600 00		
	<hr/>	1,200 00	
Other Expenses—			
Stationery and Postage,	22 72		
Printing and Advertising,	44 00		
Travel,	38 51		
	<hr/>	105 23	1,305 23

Accounting Department

Salary—			
Accountant,	900 00	900 00	
Other Expenses—			
Stationery and Postage,	22 19		
State Report,	25 00		
Trust Funds Audit,	15 00		
	<hr/>	62 19	962 19

Treasurer's Department

Salary—			
Treasurer,	240 00	240 00	
Other Expenses—			
Bond,	75 00		
Stationery and Postage,	114 91		
Printing and Advertising,	3 00		
	<hr/>	192 91	432 91

Collector's Department

Commission—

Collector, 2,147 84 2,147 84

Other Expenses—

Stationery and Postage, 61 53

Printing and Advertising, 55 50

Bond, 50 00

167 03 2,314 87

Assessors' Department

Salaries—

Chairman, 255 00

Other Assessors, 575 00

830 00

Other Expenses—

Stationery and Postage, 31 07

Printing and Advertising, 29 90

Street Lists, 298 00

Transfers, 33 80

392 77 1,222 77

Other Finance Offices

Elector, Oliver Smith Will, 20 00

Certification of Notes, 18 00

38 00 38 00

Law Department

Attorneys, 245 00 245 00 245 00

Town Clerk's Department

Salary and Fees—

Clerk, 210 00

Recording Fees, 193 00

403 00

Other Expenses—

Stationery and Postage, 41 87

Printing and Advertising, 20 50

Dog Tags, 10 35

72 72 475 72

Election and Registration

Salaries and Wages—

Registrars, 75 00

Election Officers, 307 00

382 00

Other Expenses—

Posting Warrants,	24 00
Printing and Advertising,	131 00
Booths,	12 80
Meals,	94 50
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262 30 644 30

Office Assistant

Salary—

Clerk,	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
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Town and Armory Halls

Salaries—

Custodian,	50 00
Janitor,	1,090 29
Care of Clock,	25 00
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1,165 29

Other Expenses—

Fuel,	1,274 52
Light,	440 40
Supplies,	456 38
Repairs,	501 08
Telephone,	99 94
Water,	53 30
Unclassified,	5 15
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2,830 77 3,996 06

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salaries and Wages—

Regular Officers,	3,500 00
Special Officers,	1,053 32
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4,553 32

Other Expenses—

Court Fines,	789 07
Meals for Prisoners,	4 90
Travel,	74 00
Liquor Analyses,	45 00
Equipment,	20 25
Traffic Beacon, Maintenance,	63 05
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996 27 5,549 59

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages—

Chief,	450 00	
Chief, Assistant,	100 00	
Firemen, Permanent,	2,332 00	
Firemen, Call,	1,836 00	
	<hr/>	4,718 00

Other Expenses—

Travel,	59 74	
Hose,	845 40	
Apparatus,	342 00	
Equipment,	32 50	
Alarm, Boxes, etc.,	258 80	
New Hydrants,	19 40	
Hydrant Repairs,	124 38	
Water,	12 86	
Fuel,	457 23	
Light,	90 58	
Supplies,	30 89	
Supplies, Trucks,	431 34	
Repairs,	89 13	
Telephone,	65 64	
Freight and Express,	12 64	
Unclassified,	4 50	
	<hr/>	2,877 03 7,595 03

Sealing of Weights and Measures

Salary—

Sealer,	275 00	275 00
Other Expenses,		
Travel,	100 00	
Printing and Advertising,	12 50	
Equipment,	10 40	
Telephone,	1 75	
	<hr/>	124 65 399 65

Moth Extermination

Wages,—

Labor,	327 75	327 75
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Other Expenses—

Travel,	10 32		
Insecticides,	2 25		
Advertisement,	10 00		
	<hr/>	22 57	350 32

Water for Fires

Contract,	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
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Tree Warden**Salary and Wages—**

Tree Warden,	50 00		
Labor,	628 88		
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Other Expenses—

Equipment,	7 08		
Medical Attendance,	4 00		
Rent of Sprayer,	9 00		
	<hr/>	20 08	698 96

Forest Fires**Salary and Wages—**

Forest Warden,	50 00		
Labor,	193 22		
	<hr/>	243 22	

Other Expenses—

Postage,	1 10		
Apparatus,	10 00		
Telephone,	2 00		
Travel,	6 00		
	<hr/>	19 10	262 32

New Hydrants**Expenses—**

Labor,	114 05		
Pipe,	61 18		
Lead,	9 00		
Jute,	60		
	<hr/>	184 83	184 83

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sewer Reimbursement

Chestnut Street,	101 94		
Dickinson Street,	121 07		
Northampton Road,	200 00		
	<hr/>	423 01	423 01

Health Department

Salaries—

Board of Health,	100 00		
Clerk,	25 00		
	<hr/>	125 00	

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases—

Fuel,	52 50		
Board and Treatment,	154 63		
Medicines,	2 00		
Groceries,	290 94		
Loss of Wages,	86 00		
Hospital,	122 00		
Unclassified,	10 00		
	<hr/>	718 07	

Tuberculosis—

Fuel,	15 00		
Rent,	100 00		
Hospital,	418 07		
	<hr/>	533 07	

Vital Statistics—

Births,	15 75		
Deaths,	16 00		
	<hr/>	31 75	

Inspection—

Animals,	205 00		
Meat,	395 83		
Milk,	102 00		
	<hr/>	702 83	

Other Expenses—

Stationery and Postage,	20 47		
Unclassified,	8 00		
Milk Plates,	9 33		
Sanitary Inspector,	159 20		
Fumigation,	278 87		
Quarantine,	45 50		
	<hr/>	521 37	2,632 09

Visiting Nurse

Salary—			
Nurse,	1,544 00	1,544 00	
Other Expenses—			
Travel,	473 25		
Supplies,	1 83		
	<hr/>	475 08	2,019 08

Sewer Maintenance

Wages—			
Labor,	495 36		
Teams,	11 25	506 61	
Other Expenses—			
Equipment,	138 10		
Pipe,	4 68		
Tile,	61 11		
	<hr/>	203 89	710 50

Garbage Collection

Collection,	969 00		
Stationery and Postage,	10 25		
	<hr/>	979 25	979 25

Clean-up Day

Expense,	50 00	50 00	50 00
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Surface drains

Wages—			
Labor,	102 00		
Trucking,	15 00		
Metal Culverts,	74 32		
Tile,	577 89	769 21	769 21

HIGHWAYS**Highway Department**

Salaries and Wages—			
Superintendent,	1,741 60		
Labor,	4,875 12		
Teams,	5,087 00		
	<hr/>	11,703 72	

Other Expenses—

Conn. River Bridge,	957 49		
Traffic Beacon,	1 78		
Material,	1,170 17		
Equipment,	581 08		
Supplies,	117 71		
Truck, Cost,	792 50		
Truck, Maintenance,	359 45		
Contract Gravelling,	1,356 95		
Dust Oil,	2,947 43		
Freight,	1 50		
	<hr/>	8,286 06	19,989 78

Sidewalks

Wages—

Labor,	92 00		
Teams,	82 50		
	<hr/>	174 50	

Other Expenses—

Phoenix Row Walk, Contract,	1,000 00		
Surveying,	83 25		
Freight,	17 70		
Tar,	128 31		
	<hr/>	1,229 26	1,403 76

Snow Removal

Wages—

Labor,	565 14		
Teams,	64 18		
	<hr/>	629 32	

Other Expenses—

Equipment,	123 75		
Salt,	13 75		
Plowing Macadam,	109 00		
Freight,	15 81		
	<hr/>	262 31	891 63

Macadam Repairs

Wages—

Labor,	389 33		
Teams,	396 75		
	<hr/>	786 08	

Other Expenses—

Fuel,	32 00		
Tar,	1,446 98		
Sand,	310 55		
Contract,	3,626 25		
Trap Rock,	54 77		
Freight,	17 74		
	<hr/>	5,488 29	6,274 37

Belchertown Road

Contract,	40,629 10	40,629 10	40,629 10
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Watering

Expenses—

Teams,	779 92		
Equipment,	98 20		
Water,	200 00		
	<hr/>	1,078 12	1,078 12

Street Lighting

Street and Police Lights,	8,568 83	8,568 83	8,568 83
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Plowing Macadam

Labor,	54 56		
Equipment,	7 00		
	<hr/>	61 56	61 56

Pleasant St. and Lincoln Ave. Survey

Surveying,	95 20	95 20	95 20
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Macadam, Triangle and Gutters

Surveying,	60 50		
Macadam,	1,455 80		
	<hr/>	1,516 30	1,516 30

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Poor Department

Outside Relief—

Stationery and Postage,	2 00		
Cash,	571 00		
Groceries,	20 05		
Fuel,	71 75		
Rent,	20 00		
Board and Care,	1,060 00		
Physician,	100 00		
Unclassified,	25 00		
State Institutions,	191 30		
Other Institutions,	571 22		
Hospital,	14 00		
	<hr/>	2,646	32

Relief by Cities—

Cities,	118 75	118 75	
		<hr/>	2,765 07

Whiting Street Fund

Individuals,	635 00	635 00	635 00
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Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid,	532 00	532 00	532 00
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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Maintenance

Salaries—

Superintendent,	3,800 00		
Superintendent, 1919 and 1920	1,150 00		
Clerk,	914 66		
Attendance Officer,	200 00		
Teachers			
High,	32,940 26		
Elementary,	38,518 72		
	<hr/>	77,523	64

Transportation		
Teams,	1,112 50	
Carfares,	3,905 90	
	<hr/>	5,018 40
Janitors		
High,	2,179 00	
Elementary,	2,318 49	
	<hr/>	4,497 49
Fuel and Light		
Fuel,	5,652 07	
Light,	349 57	
	<hr/>	6,001 64
Other Expenses—		
Stationery and Postage,	284 55	
Telephone,	287 45	
Travel,	587 42	
School Census,	50 00	
Freight and Express,	178 23	
Tuition,	363 75	
School Nurse,	1,400 78	
School Nurse, Supplies,	7 50	
Repairs,	3,621 30	
Janitors' Supplies,	498 54	
Water,	256 12	
Unclassified,	122 62	
Furniture and Furnishings,	674 00	
Diplomas,	33 65	
Supplies,	2,205 90	
Reference Books,	33 71	
Evening School,	12 15	
School Physicians,	150 00	
Dentist,	50 00	
Inspection,	20 67	
Books,	1,650 37	
Domestic Science,	3,074 61	
High School Science,	281 98	
Commercial,	287 33	
Manual Training,	576 82	
Music,	438 77	
	<hr/>	17,148 22 110,189 39

Library Maintenance

North Amherst Library Assn.,	150 00	150 00	150 00
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Amity and East Street Buildings

Contractor,	3,380 00		
Architect,	120 00		
	<hr/>	3,500 00	3,500 00

Portable School House

Building,	2,400 00		
Fixtures,	153 75		
Freight,	11 42		
Furnishings,	210 51		
	<hr/>	2,775 68	2,775 68

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation

Parks and Park Places—

Labor,	543 15		
Printing,	3 50		
Fertilizer,	9 00		
Lawn Mowers,	21 75		
Flags,	56 00		
Supplies,	13 00		
Painting Flag Pole,	50 00		
	<hr/>	696 40	696 40

Cook Fountain, Maintenance

Labor,	68 38		
Grass Seed,	2 50		
	<hr/>	70 88	70 88

Unclassified

Town Reports,	497 00		
Insurance,	1,600 00		
Damages,	15 00		
	<hr/>	2,112 00	2,112 00
Memorial Day,	150 00	150 00	150 00
County Aid to Agriculture,	200 00	200 00	200 00
Playground Survey—			
Surveying,	50 75	50 75	50 75

CEMETERIES

Cemeteries

Expenses—			
Labor,	873 18		
Equipment,	14 75		
Fertilizer,	3 00		
Lawn Mowers,	5 50		
Grass Seed,	2 25		
	<hr/>	898 68	898 68

Perpetual Care Trust Funds Income

Expenses—			
Labor,	674 62		
Equipment,	7 65		
	<hr/>	682 27	682 27

INTEREST

Interest

Anticipation of Taxes Loan,	1,164 30		
Conn. River Bridge Loan,	43 20		
High School Loan,	1,900 00		
So. Outlet Sewer Loan,	860 00		
Mill Valley Bridge Loan,	405 00		
Refunded School Loan,	46 20		
Conn. River Sewer Loan,	780 00		
	<hr/>	5,198 70	5,198 70

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Loans

Anticipation of Taxes,	50,000 00		
Conn. River Bridge,	720 00		
High School,	5,000 00		
So. Outlet Sewer,	1,000 00		
Mill Valley Bridge,	2,000 00		
Conn. River Sewer,	2,000 00		
Refunded School,	1,200 00		
	<hr/>	61,920 00	61,920 00

AGENCY AND TRUST

Agency

Taxes

State,	13,100 00	
County,	18,516 82	
Highway,	2,680 96	
War Polls,	63 00	
	<hr/>	34,360 78

Trust

Perpetual Care Funds,	500 00	
Permanent Trust Funds,	1,229 62	
	<hr/>	1,729 62 36,090 40

TRANSFERS

Reserve to Police,	1,000 00	
Reserve to New Hydrants,	110 00	
Reserve to Education,	1,150 00	
Reserve to Forest Fires,	75 00	
Reserve to Assessors,	22 77	
Reserve to Collector,	114 87	
Reserve to Health,	440 00	
	<hr/>	2,912 64 2,912 64
Cash Dec. 31, 1924,		59,081 27
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		\$409,930 91

DEBT STATEMENT

LOANS		Rate	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1923	Paid 1924	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1924	Due 1925
High School, . . . . .	.	4	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$5,000.00
South Outlet Sewer, . . . . .	.	4	22,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00	1,000.00
Mill Valley Bridge, . . . . .	.	4½	10,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
Refunded School, . . . . .	.	4½	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Conn. River Bridge, . . . . .	.	4	1,440.00	720.00	720.00	720.00
Conn. River Sewer, . . . . .	.	4	20,000.00	2,000.00	18,000.00	2,000.00
Belchertown Road, . . . . .	.	4			28,000.00	6,000.00
			\$104,640.00	\$11,920.00	\$120,720.00	\$16,720.00

REVENUE

\$105,271.73

INDEBTEDNESS

Net Bonded Debt,	\$120,720.00	High School Bonds,	\$45,000.00
		South Outlet Sewer Bonds,	21,000.00
		Mill Valley Bridge Notes,	8,000.00
		Conn. River Bridge Notes,	720.00
		Conn. River Sewer Notes,	18,000.00
		Belchertown Road Notes,	28,000.00
	<u>\$120,720.00</u>		<u>\$120,720.00</u>

TRUST FUNDS

*Trust Funds,	\$67,315.90	Adams Fund,	\$2,739.31
		Cook Library Building Fund,	1,901.50
		Cook Fountain Fund,	2,346.54
		Whiting Street Fund,	8,285.08
		S. W. Dickinson Cemetery Fund,	2,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	16,481.74
		Munson Memorial Library Fund,	33,561.73
	<u>\$67,315.90</u>		<u>\$67,315.90</u>

*I have carefully examined these funds and find them in excellent shape.

	Balance 1923	Appropriations	Additions and Transfers	Total	Expended	Balance 1924
General Government						
Accounting.....		975.00		975.00	992.19	12.81
Collector.....		2,200.00	*114.87	2,314.87	2,314.87	
Halls.....		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,996.06	3.94
Legislative.....		75.00		75.00	50.24	24.76
Selectmen.....		1,350.00		1,350.00	1,305.23	44.77
Treasurer.....		450.00		450.00	432.91	17.09
Assessors.....		1,200.00	*22.77	1,222.77	1,222.77	
Assessors' Maps.....	500.00			500.00		500.00
Law.....		600.00		600.00	245.00	355.00
Town Clerk.....		500.00		500.00	475.72	24.28
Election and Registration....		650.00		650.00	644.30	5.70
Other Finance Offices.....		40.00		40.00	38.00	2.00
Office Assistant.....		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Protection of Persons and Property						
Police.....		4,600.00	*1,000.00	5,600.00	5,549.59	50.41
Fire Department.....		7,700.00		7,700.00	7,595.03	104.97
Water for Fires.....		3,075.00		3,075.00	3,000.00	75.00
New Hydrants.....		75.00	*110.00	185.00	184.83	.17
Sealer Weights and Meas..		400.00		400.00	399.65	.35
Moth Extermination.....		400.00		400.00	350.32	49.68
Tree Warden.....		700.00		700.00	698.96	1.04
Forest Fires.....		200.00	*75.00	275.00	262.32	12.68
Health and Sanitation						
Health.....		2,200.00	*440.00	2,640.00	2,632.09	7.91
Sewer Maintenance.....		800.00		800.00	710.50	89.50
Garbage Disposal.....		1,000.00		1,000.00	979.25	20.75
South Outlet Sewer.....	1,401.22			1,401.22		1,401.22
Surface Drains.....		800.00		800.00	769.21	30.79
Visiting Nurse.....		2,150.00		2,150.00	2,019.08	130.92
Clean Up Day.....		50.00		50.00	50.00	
Fearing St. Sewer.....	75.00			75.00		75.00
Sewer Reimbursements.....		423.01		423.01	423.01	
Highways						
Highways.....		20,000.00		20,000.00	19,989.78	10.22
Repairing Sidewalks.....		1,500.00	‡501.90	2,001.90	1,403.76	598.14
Snow Removal.....		1,500.00		1,500.00	891.63	608.37
Watering.....		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,078.12	21.88
Street Lighting.....		8,605.00		8,605.00	8,568.83	36.17
Macadam Repairs.....		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,274.37	225.63
Macadam, Triangle & Gutters	2500.00	500.00		3,000.00	1,516.30	1,483.70
Belchertown Road.....		2,000.00	†46,951.75	48,951.75	40,629.10	8,322.65
Macadam, Snow Removal....		1,000.00		1,000.00	61.56	938.44
Pleas. St. and Linc. Av Survey	200.00			200.00	95.20	104.80

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—(Continued.)

	Balance 1923	Appropriations	Additions and Transfers	Total	Expended	Balance 1924
Charities and Soldiers' Benefits						
Support of Poor		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,765.07	1,234.93
Whiting Street Fund	642.30		**360.04	1,002.34	635.00	367.34
Education and Libraries						
Schools—						
Maintenance		108,866.00	*1,500.00	110,366.00	110,189.39	176.61
North Amherst Library....		150.00		150.00	150.00	
Academy Fund			***350.00	350.00	350.00	
Amity and East St. Bldg, rep.		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	
Portable Schoolhouse.....		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,775.68	224.32
Recreation and Unclassified						
Reserve Fund	850.47	2,149.53		3,000.00	2,912.64	87.36
Insurance		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00	
Memorial Day.....		150.00		150.00	150.00	
Unclassified		700.00		700.00	512.00	188.00
Cook Fountain (maintenance).	358.61		**106.75	465.36	70.88	394.48
Hamp. Co. Aid to Agr.		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Parks and Park Places.....		700.00		700.00	696.40	3.60
Marking Historic Places.....		100.00		100.00		100.00
Public Playground	500.00			500.00	50.75	449.25
Cemeteries						
Cemeteries		900.00		900.00	898.68	1.32
Perp. Care Funds, income, ...	689.86		**732.06	1,421.92	682.27	739.65
S. W. Dickinson Cem. Fund .	22.37		**91.01	113.38		113.38
Interest and Maturing Debt						
Interest.....		5,250.00		5,250.00	5,198.70	51.30
Town Debt		11,920.00		11,920.00	11,920.00	

*From Reserve Fund.

†Loan \$25,000, Received from County \$18,951.75.

**Interest,

***Transferred to School Maintenance Academy Fund \$350.

‡Contributed from abutters

Yours very truly,

CHAS. E. WAKEFIELD,

Town Accountant.

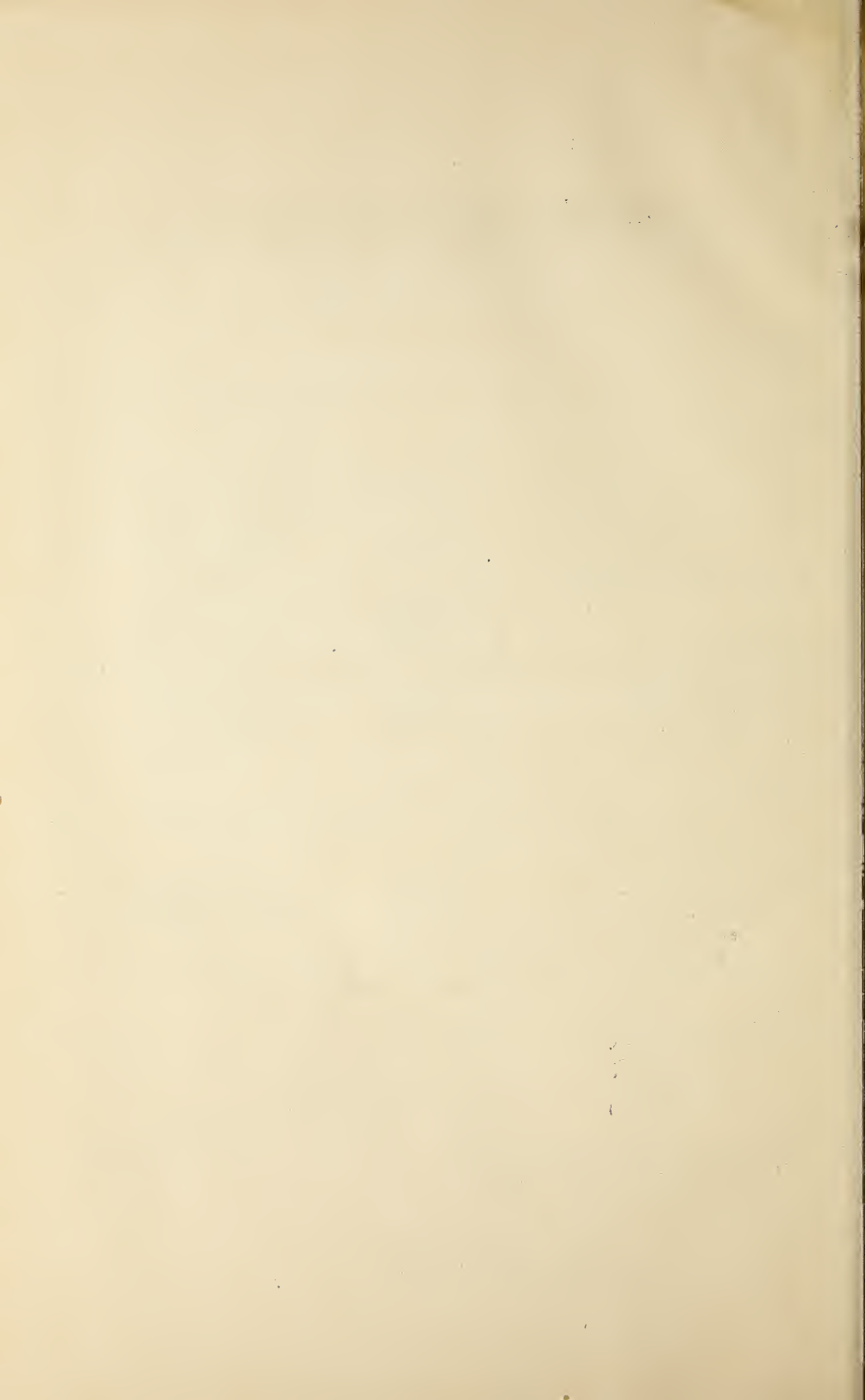
Subscribed and sworn to before me this
thirty-first day of December, nineteen
hundred and twenty-four.

[SEAL]

WARREN R. BROWN,

Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb. 23, 1928.



SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

GEORGE L. FARLEY, Chairman
Term Expires 1925

WILLIAM L. MACHMER, Secretary
Term Expires 1927

MRS. ANNETTE H. E. ESTY
Term Expires 1926

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JASON O. COOK, A. B., A. M.
Residence, 22 Dana Street. Tel., 622-R.

DOROTHY I. KEYES, Secretary

The office of the School Department in the Town Hall (Tel., 452-W)
is open on school days from 8-30 to 12-00; 1-30 to 4-30,
and on Saturdays from 9 to 12.

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

GEORGE W. RAWSON, M. D.

LAWRENCE N. DURGIN, M. D.

MABEL G. SPEAR, School Nurse

RAYMOND C. BANGS, D. D. S., School Dentist

GEORGE E. WILLIAMS, Attendance Officer

THE COST OF THE SCHOOLS

The total expense charged to the schools in 1924 was \$110,189.39. The appropriation at Town Meeting had been \$108,866; a transfer of \$1,150 was made by the finance committee to pay a judgment of that amount; the Academy Fund yielded \$350. The amount not expended was \$176.61. This remains in the treasury of the town.

The receipts by the town treasurer because of the schools in 1924 were:

High School Tuition	\$7,221.94
Junior High School Tuition	297.52
Elementary School Tuition	593.14
Domestic Science	3,301.34
Manual Training	262.12
Hall Rents	163.60
Fines and Sales	107.41
Miscellaneous	20.42
State Reimbursements:	
Vocational School Tuition	60.94
State Ward Transportation	92.40
Teachers' Salaries (from the Income Tax)	8,746.80
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	\$20,867.63

If these receipts were applied to the cost of the schools the expenditures from local taxation would have been \$89,321.76.

Report of Chairman of School Committee

Due to the very complete reports of school conditions rendered by the Supt. of Schools, Mr. J. O. Cook, and the principal of the Senior-Junior High School, Mr. W. H. Brown, the school committee refrains from making any additions to what these men have written realizing that what they might say would be in the nature of duplication. The committee requests that all interested citizens read these reports that they may get this complete review of the work for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. L. FARLEY,
Chairman.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

During the school year 1923-1924 there were enrolled in Amherst schools 1,288 pupils. The following table gives the distribution of these pupils by schools and grades. Pupils who were transferred either in grade or school during the year are here counted where first enrolled.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT, SEPT. 5, 1923-JUNE 19, 1924

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G. T	1
High School									120	107	65	48	8	348
Junior High							90	69						159
Kellogg Ave.				41	63	50								154
Amity Street	66	55	56											177
East Street	46	31	30	21	23	14								165
N. Amherst	34	30	31	22	17	18								152
Cushman	13	19	9	9	11	4								65
S. Amherst	16	7	8	11	11	3	6	6						68
Total	175	142	134	104	125	89	96	75	120	107	65	48	8	1288

This number is eighteen less than were enrolled in the preceding school year. There were twenty-nine less in the senior high school, ten less in the junior high school, fourteen less in the Kellogg Avenue school, one less at East Street, and two less at Cushman. Amity Street school had ten more, North Amherst twenty-four more, and South Amherst four more.

The enrolment for the first half of the present school year is given in the following table. Pupils who have been transferred either in grade or school during this period are here counted where first enrolled.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT, SEPT. 3, 1924-JAN. 30, 1925

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	T'
High School														
Junior High									99	99	81	53	10	342
Kellogg Ave.				62	42	69	86	84						170
Amity Street	64	60	58											173
East Street	35	44	23	34	19	16								182
N. Amherst	20	34	22	19	28	13								171
Cushman	19	14	13	9	9	10								136
S. Amherst	11	12	6	11	9	9	3	6						74
														67
Total	149	164	122	135	107	117	89	90	99	99	81	53	10	1315

Comparison of the enrolment for the first half of the present school year with that of the first half of the two preceding school years shows the following changes by grades:

1st Half-Year Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	T'
1922-1923	161	141	111	107	103	88	93	88	150	103	54	67	1	1267
1923-1924	164	137	131	101	120	88	92	73	119	105	65	47	7	1249
1924-1925	149	164	122	135	107	117	89	90	99	99	81	53	10	1315

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AT DATE, JAN. 30, 1925

The membership at the end of the first half-year on January 30, 1925 was 1234. This number was distributed by schools and grades as follows:

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	T'
High School														
Junior High									88	94	79	53	6	320
Kellogg Ave.				61	40	68	81	82						163
Amity Street	54	61	56											169
East Street	28	42	19	29	16	16								171
N. Amherst	24	36	24	20	27	14								150
Cushman	15	13	7	7	8	6								145
S. Amherst	11	10	6	11	7	7	3	5						56
														60
Total	132	162	112	128	98	111	84	87	88	94	79	53	6	1234

Comparison of this table with those in last year's report shows these changes by grades:

Date Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G. T ¹
Feb. 14, '21	121	117	97	89	87	97	103	87	101	93	49	59	1100
Feb. 8, '22	142	128	102	93	88	87	99	107	121	98	67	45	1180
Jan. 26, '23	148	137	104	104	95	88	85	84	129	90	52	63	1 1180
Jan. 25, '24	141	130	130	95	117	83	88	68	104	98	60	45	6 1165
Jan. 30, '25	132	162	112	128	98	111	84	87	88	94	79	53	6 1234

The distribution of pupil membership by schools for the dates given above shows the following changes:

Schools	Feb. 14 1921	Feb. 8 1922	Jan. 26 1923	Jan. 25 1924	Jan. 30 1925
High School	302	334	335	313	320
Junior High	144	152	153	145	163
Kellogg Avenue	147	160	159	146	169
Amity Street	173	152	150	145	171
East Street	130	160	145	151	150
North Amherst	115	121	122	144	145
Cushman	44	48	54	62	56
South Amherst	45	53	62	59	60
Total	1100	1180	1180	1165	1234

It will be noted that there were in the schools at the end of the first half of the present school year (Jan. 30) more pupils than at the same period for the last four years, and sixty-nine more than a year ago at the middle of the year.

The striking increases are at the junior high school (18), at Kellogg Avenue (23), at Amity Street (26). The increase at the junior high school is cared for by the division of the pupils into five sections, one of which is at work in the senior high school building in the manual training shop, cooking, sewing, drawing or gymnasium. At Kellogg Avenue there are more pupils per room (46—39—41—43) than there should be for good teaching. At Amity Street three rooms have more pupils than is desirable (43—44—

37); in the fourth room there are 47 first grade pupils but they are divided into two sections (as was done a year ago), part coming for a three hour session in the morning and the others coming for three hours in the afternoon.

In the other elementary schools the number of pupils per room is as follows:

East Street	32—34—39—24—21
North Amherst	35—36—31—24—19
Cushman	28—28
South Amherst	33—27

The addition of the portable building at North Amherst relieved a crowded situation at that school and at Cushman. Nine pupils were transferred from Cushman to North Amherst. For six the distance was exactly the same, for the other three the distance was increased from about half a mile to a little less than a mile. All nine live less than a mile from the North Amherst school.

It is not expected that the enrolment at Kellogg Avenue and Amity Street will be greater next year than it is now, because of the fact that the sixth grade, which is so much larger than the fifth grade, will move on into the junior high school. The number of pupils at the junior high school will be about twenty more than this year, but the five section plan will take care of this increase.

THE BUILDING PROBLEM

By the addition of a small fifth room at East Street and the division of the first grade at Amity Street into two sections, both of which were done a year ago, and the purchase last summer of a portable building which was located at North Amherst, the need of new schoolhouse construction has been postponed to some future year. But it is a fact to be emphasized that the time will come when either the plan (suggested last year) of enlargement of the high school building, or the enlargement of other buildings, or the erection of a new building will be required.

As far as the schools at the center are concerned a great deal depends on whether or not the Amity Street building is

to be used indefinitely for school purposes. It has four large school rooms. Within the last six years a new heating plant and new sanitaries have been installed. This last year the rear exit required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety has been built, and a new slate roof has been laid. Nothing has been done except what was required to put and to keep the building in proper and safe condition for school use. The chief objection to the building is its location so near the traffic at the junction of Amity and Pleasant streets. But under the terms of the original deed the property belongs to the town only so long as it is used for school purposes, and it is generally recognized that the town has too great an investment there for the school authorities to recommend discontinuance of its use. It may be quite possible that the parties to whom the property would revert if no longer used for a school would be willing to convey it to the town for other municipal purposes; in that event the construction of a new and larger elementary building not far from the other three center schools would be most desirable.

It may be that the building of the new state road south of the East Street school will result in a movement of population into that section of the town. If so, there would be a building problem at that school.

It seems to be true that the growth in population at North Amherst will outstrip the school accommodations now provided by a four-room brick building and the one-room portable building. It is wise to plan how two rooms can be added to the school, keeping in mind that future expansion might call for two more rooms. In the event of permanent construction, the portable would be of use elsewhere.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It is the policy of the school department to keep the school buildings in good condition. Roofs were kept in repair and a new one laid at Amity Street. One room at North Amherst was re-seated. Four new bubblers (drinking fountains) were installed. New window shades were added to some of the rooms. Painting of the corridors was

done at Kellogg Avenue. One room in that building was painted, as were the two one-room schools at Cushman. In co-operation with a friend of the school a flagpole was erected on the grounds at North Amherst. Fences were built around the school yards at Cushman, South Amherst, and Amity Street. Water connection was made at the east school at Cushman. An outside fire escape was erected at East Street in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.

Slate blackboards were ordered for East Street school, but they were not received until January of this year.

In 1925 cement walks should be laid at the high school and the walks rebuilt at East Street. The west school at Cushman needs new seats. Some painting needs to be done. Flagpoles should be erected on the grounds at Cushman and South Amherst.

TEACHERS

Of the 48 teachers (3 part-time) listed in last year's report as being in the Amherst schools on January 1, 1924, ten were not with us at the opening of the fall term in September.

There were four changes at the high school. Miss Dora Armstrong resigned after two years in Amherst to accept a teaching position in Porto Rico. Mr. George Baker resigned during the year because of ill health. He was succeeded on a part-time basis by Miss Ruth Newton, a graduate student at Smith College, who is teaching this year in a private school at Northampton. Miss Mary Cook of Hadley, who had taught French and Latin for two years, resigned in order to take a position at Hopkins Academy in her own town. Mr. Leland Smith, with us for two years as mathematics teacher, resigned to take a place on the faculty of the Central High School in Springfield.

Miss Helen Enright, who had made a notable success as a teacher at Cushman, East Street, and at Kellogg Avenue, was elected to a principalship of an elementary school at Arlington. Her sister, Miss Catherine Enright, who had been with us one year, went with her to Arlington.

Miss Josephine MacCarthy, first grade teacher at Amity Street for three years, resigned to take a position in the Springfield schools. Miss Mary Egan, who had been at North Amherst two years, is teaching this year in Vermont. Mrs. Edna B. Hawley, who had served at Amity Street for two years, retired in June to take a place on the substitute instead of the permanent list. Miss Margaret Martin, who had taught first at North Amherst for a year and then for four years at Kellogg Avenue resigned to teach in the Springfield schools.

Eleven new teachers took places in our schools last September. Four joined the high school staff. Mr. David Midgley of Boston, a graduate of Brown, and with one year of graduate work at Harvard, accepted a position as teacher of English. Mr. John Read of Springfield, a graduate of M. A. C., began work as teacher of mathematics and commercial subjects. Miss Dorothy Taylor of Shelburne, a graduate of Middlebury, took classes in home economics. Miss Taylor was called home at the end of the fall term. A classmate at Middlebury, Miss Marjory Johnson of Batavia, N. Y., took her place. Miss Lilly Lindahl of Cambridge, a graduate of Radcliffe, came to us, after receiving her Master's degree, as teacher of French, German and Latin.

Seven teachers began service in the elementary schools: Miss Millicent Allyn of Holyoke, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School, at Amity Street; Miss Beulah Eddy of Amherst, a graduate of New Haven Normal School, at Amity Street; Miss Esther Bartlett of Amesbury, a graduate of Framingham Normal School, at East Street; Miss Eleanor Garrity of Holyoke, a graduate of Westfield Normal School, at East Street; Miss Anna Dahowski of Deerfield, a graduate of North Adams Normal School, at Kellogg Avenue; Miss Marion Meeker of Ludlow, a graduate of Westfield Normal School, at North Amherst; Miss Esther Johnson of Hadley, a graduate of Framingham Normal School, and with several years of experience, at North Amherst.

Two changes have occurred in the teaching staff since January. Miss Grace F. Crockett, who had long distin-

guished herself as a successful teacher both in Springfield and Amherst, resigned (effective January 30) because of her marriage on February 5 to Benjamin F. Gale of Milton, Vermont. Her room at Kellogg Avenue is taken for the remainder of the school year by an experienced teacher, Miss Blanche Blake of Swanton, Vermont. Mr. Alfred L. Tower, head of the science department at the high school for three and a half years, resigned (effective February 13) to accept election as principal of the high school at Stafford Springs, Conn. His successor for the remainder of the school year is Mr. Lawrence Merrill of Brookline, who has taught three years and has had three summers at Teachers College, Columbia, since his graduation from Bowdoin.

Changes are bound to occur in our teaching staff, due to marriage and to professional and financial advancement, but the adoption of a salary schedule four years ago has made it possible to keep teachers with us for a term of years.

SCHOOL WORK

The work done in the school shows no great changes from year to year. Standard tests are given to check up on the estimates by the teachers of the accomplishments of pupils, and to compare one school with another. They also serve to point out special weaknesses which need to be remedied. The Dearborn Tests were given as an aid to determine how the division of the first grade pupils at Amity Street should be made.

Six of the teachers presented certain parts of the school work at a largely attended meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association in November. Miss Sutliff described the Bolenius method of teaching beginners to read which she is using this year. Miss Crockett, with the aid of several children, showed how a schoolroom library can be made helpful not only for training in reading and expression, but also for development of right attitudes. Miss Howlett described the work of the handicraft clubs at her school, and illustrated how closely the interests of the school and

home are tied together. Mr. Weidhass told of what is done by the boys in manual training. Mr. Fairman showed how effective the commercial department has been in training young people for clerical work. Mr. Brown gave the record of the high school graduates in college for the last three years.

At the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Miss Spear, Dr. Rawson, Dr. Durgin, and Dr. Miner, District Agent of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, co-operated in a program showing what is done by the schools regarding the prevention, detection, and control of contagious disease.

The report of the high school is given in great detail by the principal. It should be read with care.

During the year 29 children have had tonsil operations. A local clinic was held at Pratt Cottage May 28, at which Dr. Collins operated. Nineteen children have been taken for expert eye examinations. At the dental clinic, under Dr. Bangs, 57 children were cared for, with 185 operations: 17 cleanings, 60 extractions, 108 fillings. A nutrition class for children 10% or more underweight was formed for 46 children in four of the schools. These children were given milk and crackers twice a day (from funds contributed by the Women's Club). The graphs of weight showed good gains. Hot lunches are served at noon, not from public funds, at several of the schools.

APPRECIATION

For the unwavering support of the public schools by the school committee, by the finance committee, and by the voters of the town, all of us who are actively concerned in the care of the children and youth are sincerely appreciative. Many individuals and organizations have responded to our calls for service during the year. Such a spirit helps to make Amherst an unusual town.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason O. Cook,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SENIOR-JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Supt. J. O. Cook,
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Mr. Cook:—

I present herewith my fourth annual report on the work of the Senior and Junior High Schools:

ENROLMENT

Our enrolment figures may be compared with the figures for last year in the following table.

	Total for year 1923-24	Total for half year 1923-24	Total for half year 1924-25	At date Jan. 25, 1924	At date Jan. 30, 1925
Post Grad.	8	7	10	6	6
Senior	48	47	53	45	53
Junior	65	65	81	60	79
Sophomore	107	105	99	98	94
Freshman	120	119	99	104	88
S. H. S.	348	343	342	313	320
8th Grade	69	67	84	62	83
7th Grade	90	86	86	83	81
J. H. S.	159	153	170	145	164
S. H. S.-J. H. S.	507	496	512	458	494

In my report a year ago, I predicted on a basis of past experience that we would have an enrolment of 333 in the first month of the present school year. The actual enrolment for September 1924 was 335. The predicted enrolment for next year is as follows:

Post Grad.	5
Senior	72
Junior	83
Sophomore	80
Freshman	110
	— 350

The present enrolment in the eighth grades from which our freshman class is largely made up is 130. It is not expected, however, that more than half of those in other towns will come to this school.

ENROLMENT BY SUBJECTS

At the end of the first month of school, the enrolment by subjects was as follows:

	Number of Pupils	Percent of Total
English	345	
Latin	104	31
French	197	59
German	9	3
History and Social Studies	229	68
Mathematics	176	53
Sciences	155	46
Commercial	275	82
Practical Arts	92	27
Household Arts	63	19
Freehand Drawing	20	6
Piano	31	9

In this connection it should be noted that, although the figures are very close to those of last year, there has been one important change. The work in Household Arts has been materially enlarged, so that girls may now take it as one of their major subjects, instead of as a two period course as formerly. This has been made possible by having one teacher who devotes a part of her time to this department, in addition to the head of the department. This change was made without enlarging the faculty.

TUITION PUPILS

The number of students for whom tuition is paid by parents, other towns, or the state is steadily growing. Tuition students in the Senior High School for the school year 1923-1924 are given in the table below:

SEPT, 1923-JUNE, 1924

	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman	Total
Leverett	2	1	4	13	20
Oakham		1			1
Pelham	2		7	4	13
Personal			1	2	3
Plainfield				1	1
Shutesbury		1	1		2
State Wards	2		2	2	6
Sunderland	1	4	10	18	33
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>79</u>

The enrolment of tuition students for the first half of this year is shown below:

SEPT., 1924-JAN., 1925

	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman	Total
Leverett		4	11	4	19
Pelham		4	4	8	16
Personal	1		2	1	4
Plainfield			1	2	3
Shutesbury	1		1	1	3
State Wards		2	2	3	7
Sunderland	3	8	13	8	32
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>84</u>

WITHDRAWALS FROM SCHOOL

Considerable attention is due those who withdraw from school before completing the course. In some cases it is necessary and unavoidable, in others it is for the best, but in many cases it is neither. An effort is made to have an interview with each student who contemplates leaving, in order to make the school of greatest service to the individual.

During the year 1923-24, 43 students withdrew from the Senior High School. This is 23 less than the previous year. As nearly as the reasons can be known they are as follows:

1. Work	13
2. Lack of interest	12
3. Health	4
4. Left town	4
5. No reason given	3
6. Poor scholarship	3
7. Married	2
8. Needed at home	1
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(24 boys, 19 girls) 43

By classes they are distributed as follows:

Post Grad.	2
Senior	3
Junior	8
Sophomore	11
Freshman	19
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	43

Twenty-seven were residents of Amherst and 16 were tuition students.

Six of this number returned to school this year. They are distributed as follows:

Group 1	1
Group 2	1
Group 3	3
Group 5	1
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The tendency to leave school is apparently decreasing. The totals of 66 and 43 for the last two years are followed by 22 for the first half of this year. At the corresponding date last year 30 had left.

The present senior class, numbering 53, has shrunk from a total of 130 which it numbered in the first month of its membership in 1921. Startling as these figures are, however, they are very close to the average for the country. A recent survey conducted by the Federal Bureau of Educa-

tion gives survival percentages based on nearly all of the two million and more high school students of the country. The figures show the number who remain in each year out of every one hundred freshmen.

	Amherst	U. S.
First Year	100.	100.
Second Year	78.5	74.5
Third Year	50.0	55.3
Fourth Year	40.8	39.6

COLLEGE PREPARATION

The school and the community follow with great interest the records made by our graduates after they enter college and normal school. It is our policy to give publicity to these records as a whole (withholding names) in the newspapers, in this report, and in the meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The extent to which this school serves as a college preparatory school may best be illustrated by saying at the outset that at present 104 of our graduates are now enrolled in 37 different institutions of higher learning. They are distributed as follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATES IN COLLEGE

M. A. C.	25
Connecticut	6
Northeastern	5
Columbia, Middlebury, Mount Holyoke	4 each
Amherst, Brown, Harvard, Smith	3 each
Boston Univ., Dartmouth, N. Y. I., Simmons, Susquehanna, Temple, Wellesley	2 each
Bowdoin, California, Chicago, Gordon, Goucher, New Hampshire, New York University, Ohio State, Radcliffe, Southern Sem., Springfield, Syracuse, Vermont, Wheaton (Ill.)	1 each

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATES IN NORMAL SCHOOL

North Adams	5
Westfield	5
Framingham	2
Bridgewater	2
Normal Art	1
Posse	1

Of these 104, a total of 98 entered higher institutions directly after graduation. Six took a post graduate year, three in this school and three in other schools.

The school is kept informed as to the records of its graduates during their first year in college. A tabulation of these records for the past three years has been made, showing the number of term or course marks of the various grades received by our alumni who entered college in 1921, 1922, and 1923. This tabulation shows a decreasing percentage of failures and an increasing percentage of grades of A and B.

	Term or semester marks received for entire freshman year in college		
	1921	1922	1923
A	14	21	58
B	37	39	114
C	79	69	83
D	42	43	47
Condition	12	8	11
Failure	19	11	13
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	203	191	326
% Failure	9%	6%	4%

A similar tabulation of normal school marks has also been made:

Term or semester marks received for
first year in normal school

	1922	1923
A	38	33
B	86	82
C	53	51
D	4	2
Failure	4	2
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	185	170
% Failure	2%	1%

Nineteen of our alumni entered college and nine entered normal school this year. They are distributed as follows: Amherst, 1; Massachusetts Agricultural College, 2; Connecticut College for Women, 3; Goucher, 1; Mount Holyoke, 1; University of New Hampshire, 1; Northeastern, 1; Ohio State University, 1; Radcliffe, 1; Springfield, 1; Southern Seminary, 1; Susquehanna, 2; Temple, 1; Tufts, 1; Wellesley, 1; and among normal schools, Boston Normal Art, 1; Bridgewater, 1; Framingham, 1; North Adams, 2; Westfield, 3; and Posse, 1.

The median age at which our graduates have entered colleges and normal schools from the following classes is worth noting.

1921	18 years, 10 months
1922	18 years, 6 months
1923	18 years
1924	18 years

The decrease is due, of course, to the elimination of the ninth grade in 1919. The present average is about the average, perhaps a little less, of most classes entering college. Occasionally a student enters at a much younger age. One of our graduates of 1924 has the distinction of being the youngest person to take the final examinations for entrance to college of all the 3,030 girls who took the final examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board last June.

Incidentally she passed, and entered college at the age of 15 years and 11 months.

The median age of the members of our senior class this year will be 17 years, 8 months at the time of graduation.

HOME STUDY

Possibly with an eight hour school day a program could be arranged so that no home study would be necessary, but as things are, much of the preparation of lessons must be done outside of school hours, most conveniently perhaps in the evening. Many students can safely be allowed freedom in planning and carrying out their work, but there are a large number whose study must be supervised and insisted upon. Parents can do much for such children by making sure that the demands of other interests do not prevent the spending of the proper amount of time on school work at home and by seeing that a suitable place for study is provided at home.

The Senior High School organization goes as far as it can toward compelling study on the part of those who shirk it by providing an afternoon study period of one hour at which attendance may be required. During the first three months of its operation this year its results showed in decreasing the number of failures by thirty per cent less than in the corresponding period last year.

In the Junior High School home assignments are made by a schedule which gives each pupil not more than two lessons to prepare outside of class each day.

TESTING PROGRAM

The testing program described last year and the year before has been continued. The results have been found helpful in checking up our teaching by comparing it with known standards and with our own work of previous years, and in dealing with our students as individuals differing in ability.

A description of the tests given during the past year and the results obtained is given below:

HOTZ ALGEBRA SCALES

The Hotz Algebra Scales, Form A, were given in March and June, 1924 to the four sections of freshman Algebra. These tests have been useful in diagnosing pupils' difficulties. The table below shows the median score of each section on each test and the median for the entire group. These figures may be compared with the tentative standards established by the author of the test, but perhaps a more valid comparison is that with a group of cities and towns selected from New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Illinois, North Carolina and Virginia. In the last column of the table are given the highest and lowest median score made in those schools. While not up to the tentative standard in all cases, our record in every case is nearer to highest than the lowest among the schools in which the test was given.

	Sections					Tentative Standard	Extremes in Schools tested
	1	2	3	4	All		
Add. & Sub.	6.5	4.4	4.9	4.7	5.2	6.8	3.9-7.4
Mult. & Div.	8.5	6.5	6.8	7.0	7.4	7.9	4.8-7.4
Equat. & Form.	6.3	4.8	6.4	5.9	5.9	7.1	1.5-8.6
Problems	4.7	3.2	4.9	4.8	4.5	5.6	2.5-6.5
Graphs	6.2	4.8	5.3	4.6	5.2	5.6	4.7-5.2

COURTIS PRACTICE TESTS IN ARITHMETIC

The Curtis Practice Tests in Arithmetic are in constant use in the Junior High School. Their aim is to develop speed and accuracy in the fundamental operations. The completion of 48 tests is the goal, and each test must be done without error before the next can be attempted.

The results are as follows:

	No. of pupils completing 48	No. of pupils com- pleting 30 to 47	No. of pupils com- pleting less than 30
8-A	21	14	0
8-B	15	10	0
7-A	20	8	0
7-B	16	8	2
7-C	13	9	2

The standard time of $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes for the eighth grade and $3\frac{3}{4}$ minutes for the seventh grade was kept throughout.

IOWA PHYSICS TEST

In December, 1924 the Iowa Physics Test in Mechanics was given to the Physics classes. The median score was 48.4 The standard given by authors is 33.5 This test showed that our Physics classes were high in achievement.

RICH CHEMISTRY TEST

In December, 1924 the Rich Chemistry Test, Form A, was given. The median score for the class was 46. The standard score set by the authors is 43.6.

THURSTONE EMPLOYMENT TEST

The Thurstone Employment Test in Clerical Work was given May 28, 1924 to the seniors in the Commercial Department with the following results:

Very Superior	1
Superior	0
Average	4
Inferior	3
Very inferior	1

HENMON FRENCH TEST

The Henmon French Test was given to the Sophomore, Junior and Senior French classes in February, 1924. Knowledge of vocabulary and ability to translate sentences were the points tested. The results were as follows:

	Vocabulary		Sentences	
	Percent right	Standard	Percent right	Standard
French III	93.2	88.	75.3	83.
French II A	72.5	73.	54.	62.
French II B	71.3	73.	41.	62.
French I A	52.	41.	46.	.....
French I B	28.	41.	23.	.....
French I C	28.	41.	19.7	.....

ENGLISH COMPOSITION TESTS

(Pressey and others)

In November, 1924 a series of tests in English composition, covering capitalization, punctuation, grammar and sentence structure, were given to the entire Senior-Junior High School. The median scores made by each grade in each test are given below with the standard scores given in parentheses.

	Cap.	Punc.	Gram.	Sent.
Senior	21.6 (21)	20.5 (19)	23.2 (22)	19.2 (17)
Junior	23.8 (20)	18. (17)	18.8 (21)	17.8 (16)
Sophomore	22.5 (20)	16.6 (15)	18.1 (20)	16.8 (15)
Freshman	20. (18)	10.5 (13)	13.3 (18)	12.5 (14)
8th Grade	20.6 (17)	10.8 (12)	12.2 (14)	12.7 (12)
7th Grade	18. (17)	8.3 (10)	11.3 (9)	12. (9)

INGLIS LATIN TESTS

During the spring term of 1924 the Inglis Latin Vocabulary tests, Form A, were given to the college preparatory sections. The results bear out the tests reported a year ago in that they show superior work in all grades of Latin. The syntax test was also given to the Junior class in Latin. The results were as follows:

VOCABULARY TEST			SYNTAX TEST	
	Median	Standard	Median (No standard set)	
Senior	89.7	79	Junior	30.1
Junior	77.9	71		
Sophomore	72.5	62		
Freshman	64.1	53		

MUSIC

We are fortunate in having as teachers of Music Professor William P. Bigelow, who handles the Senior High School Chorus, and Miss Blanche S. Samuels, who supervises the Music in the Junior High School, trains the

orchestra, and stimulates the entire school with a love for music.

Largely through her efforts the plan of giving high school credit for work in piano was put into effect three years ago. The work is done under local teachers, who are paid by the pupils and who follow a printed course of study which the teachers themselves helped to prepare. The work is passed on twice a year in examinations conducted by Prof. W. C. Hammond of Mount Holyoke. This year 31 students are taking the course. It is treated as a school subject and in many cases the lesson is given in school time. In addition to this, Miss Samuels has made possible classes and private instruction in violin, for which, however, the school does not give credit. Classes are held in the Junior High School building after school hours. This work and this interest in music shows itself strikingly in the fact that where six years ago there were only two students in school who were taking lessons on instruments other than the piano, there are today nearly forty. The gradual building up of a school orchestra has added a great deal to the life of the school.

The production of Pinafore by the high school chorus in conjunction with the Amherst College chorus and other local singers under the direction of Professor Bigelow last May was an innovation, the results of which were very gratifying. Where in former years we had canvassed the town in an effort to sell 200 or 300 tickets to *Elijah*, *The Seasons*, or the *Hymn of Praise*, the interest in Pinafore for miles around us was enough to pack College Hall for two nights. In this work Professor Bigelow was assisted on the dramatic side by Professor C. H. Patterson and Professor L. R. Grose, to whom credit is due.

The chorus is working this year on the *Mikado*, which will be produced in the spring.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school tries to maintain a healthy balance between the work of the classroom and the other activities connected

with school in which the students will engage—with supervision if the school takes them over, without supervision if the school does not take them over. The steps by which athletics attained its present hold are (1) prohibition, (2) toleration, (3) supervision. The results, speaking in terms of character training, speak for themselves. It is so, too, with other activities.

Athletics in Amherst High School are in a very healthy state, thanks to our physical director, Mr. George E. Williams. Winning games is pleasant and we are winning our share, but it is by no means the criterion of success in school athletics. The stimulation of competition and the discipline of the game are doing much of lasting good for the minds and characters, as well as for the bodies, of our boys.

Our great need is for a suitable playing field. The colleges have been very generous in allowing us the use of their fields, but with the expansion of athletics there the fields which we have used are being taken over by class and fraternity teams of the colleges. Last fall our football team went through the season with an average of about an hour of practice on days when practice could be held, and that on a field a mile from school.

The time is not far off when there will be no place at all, even under such difficult conditions, where our teams can practice and play their games.

The lot between the Senior and Junior High Schools is in its present state of cinder surfacing, unsuitable, if not dangerous, for such use. A re-grading of it would make it of untold convenience and value.

The other activities of the school, Graphic, Gold Bug, Girls' Club, Orchestra, and Dramatic Club, are doing good work toward developing initiative and drawing out the latent powers of the students.

The finances of student activities since they were centralized, three years ago, under the direction of Mr. Walter E. Fairman, Head of the Commercial Department, have been well handled. The credit of student organizations is good and all bills are paid promptly.

High School Activities solicit help from business men for only two things, The Graphic and The Gold Bug. In these publications the business men of the town and some in nearby cities place advertisements. We keep such requests well within the bounds of reason and are very grateful for the patronage received.

GRADUATION

A class of 43 was graduated June 18, 1924. The graduates were as follows:

Albion Davis Allen	Kenneth Osmun
*Elizabeth Magdalene Boguslawski	Louise Virginia Pettijohn
*Helen Edna Brown	*Carolyn Fidelia Putney
Warner Harris Carter	Kenneth Norman Reed
*Cornelia Bassett Church	*Sylvia Saarinen
*Marcia Grover Church	Frances Ethelwyn Shaw
Eileen Katherine Crowley	Edwin Kershaw Simpson, Jr.
Mary Gordon Davidson	Peter Francis Stanisiewski
Edwin Harris Dickinson	Howard Rich Stever
*Ruth Winifred Graham	Robert Edward Stiles
*Mary Elizabeth Green	Herman Edman Stockwell
Mildred Grace Hardaker	Margaret Anne Sullivan
Carlos Eugene Hill	Hazel Lulu Thomas
Leonard James Kelley	*Theresa Louise Van Rensselaer
Harold James Kennedy	Milton Young Warner
Earl Lawrence Knight	*Grace Elaine Weiler
Mary Ruth Knightly	Grace Marguerite Whipple
*Helen Jeanette Labrovitz	Lawrence Henry White
Anne Agnes Landry	Frederick David Wright
Edward Parsons Lyman	Marion Agatha Wysocki
*Maud Alice Marshall	Annie Mary Zak
Everett Alfred Murray	

*Pro Merito

The program of the exercises was as follows:

SENIOR PROCESSION

AMERICA

INVOCATION

Rev. Asa Reed Dilts

SONG—"When the Roses Bloom Again"

Chorus

Adams

SALUTATORY ADDRESS—"Clinging to the Old"

Ruth Winifred Graham

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS—"Why Do We Do It?"

Maud Alice Marshall

SONGS—"Over the Bright Blue Sea"

"We Sail the Ocean Blue"

from H. M. S. Pinafore

Gilbert and Sullivan

Chorus

ADDRESS

Rev. John L. Davis, D. D.

New Britain, Conn.

CLASS SONG

Music by Maud Alice Marshall

Words by Theresa Louise VanRensselaer

AWARDING OF PRIZES

Principal William H. Brown

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Professor George L. Farley

Chairman of School Committee

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

MOTTO—Ne Cede Malis

CLASS OFFICERS

President

Vice-President

Secretary-Treasurer

Warner Harris Carter

Earl Lawrence Knight

Mary Elizabeth Green

FIRST HONOR

MAUD ALICE MARSHALL

SECOND HONOR

RUTH WINIFRED GRAHAM

CLASS MARSHAL

ANTHONY DEY EASTMAN, '25

Class Colors—Purple and Gold

Prizes awarded during the school year and at graduation were as follows:

Brooks Cup—Girls' Gymnastic Competition: Class of 1924.

Millet Cup—Prize Speaking: Charles Augustus Dickinson, '26, and Helen Rita Joy, '26.

Washington and Franklin Medal—For excellence in United States History: Edith Landis.

Burnett Medal—To the member of the graduating class who has done the most to maintain and improve the athletics of the school: Herman Edman Stockwell, '24.

Whitcomb Commercial Prizes (\$5 each): Excellence in Stenography, Elizabeth Magdalene Boguslawski, '24; Improvement in Penmanship, Earl Lawrence Knight, '24.

1919 and 1921 Physics Prize (\$5): Edith Landis, '25.

Amherst Academy Latin Prizes—For the best work in four years of Latin (\$15): Maud Alice Marshall, '24. For the best work in the first two years of Latin (\$10): Ellen Hastings Morse, '26.

Alumni Citizenship Prize (\$10)—To that member of the Senior class who best demonstrates the qualities of good citizenship: Helen Edna Brown, '24.

A notable addition to our list of prizes came this year in the form of a handsome silver cup presented by Mr. William A. Stowell, to be contested for by the classes. The Student Council took over the task of drawing up regulations for the competition. A point system by which the individual earns credit for his class, both by excellence and participation in the various school activities, was the result.

AUDITORIUM CURTAIN

Graduating classes have for several years kept up the custom of leaving some gift to the school. The project of raising money for a new curtain in the auditorium was started by the class of 1923, which left in all about \$75 for this purpose. The various activities and clubs contributed

money during the year 1923-1924 and the fund was completed by a gift of about \$80 from the class of 1924, and \$50 from the class of 1925, which made its gift a year before its graduation in order to insure the completion of the fund. The entire cost of the curtain, \$430, was raised entirely by the students, and the curtain was installed during the summer. It was formally presented and dedicated at the first assembly in September.

Other class gifts of recent years are the state flag for the auditorium, given by the class of 1922, a fund of \$100 given by the classes of 1919 and 1921, the income of which is used for the physics prize, and a gift of books for the library by the class of 1920.

CONCLUSION

No public institution can prosper except by the wholehearted co-operation of workers and patrons and a vision on the part of all of the possibilities and the value of youth. Whatever success the Senior-Junior High School has attained this year—and let me say that much of it we cannot know—is due primarily to such a spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Brown.

LIST OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1925

HIGH SCHOOL

- WILLIAM H. BROWN, Principal, Mathematics
- *ALICE W. CHURCHILL, French, German, Head of Modern Language Department
- WALTER E. FAIRMAN, Head of Commercial Department
- ISABEL FIELD, History, English
- RUTH W. HENRY, History, English
- *MARION C. JOHNSON, Freehand Drawing, Interior Decorating
- MARJORY JOHNSON, Household Arts, English
- DAVID A. MIDGLEY, English
- MARY R. MORLEY, Stenography, Typewriting
- EMELYN G. NICKERSON, Latin, Head of Classical Department
- LILLY E. J. LINDAHL, French, German, Latin
- LAURA E. PANEBAKER, Biology, General Science
- *HELEN W. PARKIS, Head of Domestic Science Department and Manager of Lunch Room
- *EDITH L. PINNICK, Physical Education for Girls
- JOHN G. READ, Mathematics, Commercial Subjects
- OTIS C. SEVERANCE, Head of Mathematics Department
- WENONA L. SHATTUCK, Head of English Department
- ALFRED L. TOWER, Chemistry, Physics, General Science, Head of Science Department
- ELIZABETH A. TRACY, History, English
- *ALBERT A. WEIDHAAS, Woodworking, Printing, Mechanical Drawing
- *GEORGE E. WILLIAMS, Physical Education for Boys, Coach of Athletic Teams
- GLADYS M. GLAZIER, Clerk

* Indicates teachers who have classes in the Junior High School.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- WILLIAM H. BROWN, Principal
- L. ADA BAKER, History
- MRS. MAUDE R. COLE, Geography
- MRS. EVELYN RUSSELL HUBBARD, English
- MRS. FLORENCE L. PAGE, Mathematics

KELLOGG AVENUE SCHOOL

JESSIE M. GREENE, Grade VI, Principal
MAY L. CROCKER, Grades IV and V
GRACE F. CROCKETT, Grade IV
ANNA DAHOWSKI, Grades V and VI

AMITY STREET SCHOOL

ETHEL V. POTTER, Grade III, Principal
MILLICENT J. ALLYN, Grades I and II
BEULAH EDDY, Grades II and III
RITA E. SUTLIFF, Grade I

EAST STREET SCHOOL

MRS. MYRTLE B. FAIRMAN, Grades I, II, III and IV, Principal
ESTHER BARTLETT, Grades III and IV
ELEANOR F. GARRITY, Grades V and VI
ALICE M. HOWARD, Grade I
ELIZABETH T. NOWLAN, Grades II and III

NORTH AMHERST SCHOOL

LILLAN W. PIPER, Grades III and IV, Principal
MRS. MYRTLE BARTLETT, Grade II
GRETA N. GILCHREST, Grade I
ESTHER JOHNSON, Grades II, III, V, and VI
MARION G. MEEKER, Grades V and VI

SOUTH AMHERST SCHOOL

CORA M. HOWLETT, Grades IV-VIII, Principal
HARRIET M. ALVORD, Grades I-III

CUSHMAN SCHOOL

MRS. ELIZABETH R. WALSH, Grades III-VI, Principal
FLORENCE V. E. MACK, Grades I and II

SUPERVISORS (PART-TIME)

WILLIAM P. BIGELOW, High School Music
BLANCHE S. SAMUELS, Elementary School Music, High School
Orchestra
MARION C. JOHNSON, Elementary School Drawing
EDITH L. PINNICK, Physical Education, Elementary Schools
WALTER E. FAIRMAN, Penmanship, Elementary Schools

JANITORS

GEORGE H. LAMSON, High School, Junior High School, Kellogg Avenue School
 FREDERICK E. WRIGHT, Assistant
 EGBERT W. BROWN, Amity Street School
 IRVINE NOWLAN, East Street School
 FRANCIS GUSTIN, North Amherst Schools
 FRED ADAMS, South Amherst School
 MRS. RAYMOND SPEAR, Cushman Schools

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1924-1925

	Weeks	Days
Fall Term, Wednesday, Sept. 3—Friday, Dec. 19	16	73½
Vacation of two weeks (16 days)		
Winter Term, Monday, Jan. 5—Friday, April 3	13	64
Vacation of one week (10 days)		
Spring Term, Tuesday, April 14—Friday, June 26	11	53
	<u>40</u>	<u>190½</u>

High School Graduation, Wednesday, June 24, 1925.
 Summer vacation of ten weeks.

No School:

Monday, Oct. 13, Columbus Day (as Oct. 12 is Sunday)
 Friday, Oct. 31, Hampshire County Teachers' Convention
 Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28, Thanksgiving Recess
 Monday, Feb. 23, Washington's Birthday (as Feb. 22 is Sunday)
 Monday, April 20, Patriot's Day (as April 19 is Sunday)
 Note—May 30, Memorial Day, is on Saturday
 Schools close at noon on Wednesday Nov. 26.

The school year, 1925-1926 will begin Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1925.

TOWN WARRANT

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Amherst, Mass., qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Monday, the 2d day of March, in the year A. D. 1925, at 6 o'clock A. M., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by the so-called Australian ballot system one moderator, one town clerk, one town treasurer, one collector of taxes, each for one year; one selectman, one assessor, one member of the school committee, one trust fund commissioner, one cemetery commissioner, one park commissioner, each for three years; two members of the board of health, one for one year and one for three years; one tree warden for one year, one elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith of Hatfield for one year, ten constables, each for one year, also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?" All on one ballot.

ART. 2. To choose three overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose Sewer Commissioners for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To hear the reports of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 6. To hear the report of the Finance Committee and act thereon.

ART. 7. To hear the report of the Planning Board and act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote that the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenues of the current financial year ending December 31, 1925, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenues of said financial year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote that all taxes be payable before October 15; that the collector be allowed 1 per cent of the amount collected for his services, and that all taxes shall be collected before May 1, 1926.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to defend all suits that may be brought against the town during the ensuing year, and to prosecute such suits as they may deem necessary, and to employ counsel for the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current financial year.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to widen and macadamize the roadway on the westerly side of the Common, according to the plans prepared by the Planning Board in February, 1924, and to remove the watering trough; at such time as one of the street railway tracks is removed, and that the cost of such road repair shall be taken from the unexpended balance of \$1,483.70 of the appropriation previously made for the revision and improvement of the northerly end of the Common and the territory adjacent thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the account of Belcher-town Road, said sum to be used for the payment of land damages awarded to abutters by the Board of County Commissioners, or take other action thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to contract with the Amherst Gas Company for an all night schedule, in connection with other lamps at present installed, within a zone bounded by McClellan and Triangle Streets on the north; Triangle and Dickinson Streets on the east; College Street and Northampton Road on the south; and Lincoln Avenue on the west, for an additional sum of \$1,039 per year, or take any other action thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to install one hydrant to be located on South Pleasant Street on the westerly side thereof at a point about six hundred and fifteen feet south from the foot bridge over the Boston & Maine R. R. track on said street; the abutters to furnish the hydrant and the town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35 therefor, or take other action thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to install two hydrants on the northerly portion of Sunset Avenue between Fearing Street and North Hadley Road, the abutters to furnish the hydrants and the town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70 therefor, or take other action thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to place three electric lights on the southwesterly part of Meadow Street, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$45 therefor, or take other action thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to place two electric lights on Chestnut Street easterly from its junction with Cottage Street, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$30 therefor, or take other action thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to place eight electric lights on South East Street, between the homes of S. S. Lombard at South Amherst and Mrs. Clara Phillips at East Street, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$120 therefor, or take other action thereon.

ART. 20. To see whether the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150 for a Christmas tree to be set upon the Common, or take other action thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sec. 6 and 7 of Chap. 136 G. L. relative to the licensing of places of business for the sale of certain articles on the Lord's day, or take other action thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sec. 120 A of Chap. 94 Acts of 1924, an act providing for the payment of additional fees by slaughter house licensees.

ART. 23. To see if the town will accept as a public way the road leading from the easterly end of Kellogg Avenue in an easterly direction to Triangle Street.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to establish as a trust fund the sum of \$2,886.68 which was received by the town from the state treasurer as the town's portion of the surplus of the fund collected for soldiers' bonus, so-called; said fund together with its accumulation to be held for use at some future time for the establishment of a memorial to Veterans of the World War, or take other action thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following By-Law:

Zoning By-Law of the Town of Amherst. Adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, morals and general welfare of its people, and for the protection from fire.

Section 1. Certain words in this By-Law are defined for the purposes thereof as follows:

Zoned Area. That district of Amherst within and bounded by the following boundary lines and streets and extending beyond said boundary streets for a distance of one hundred feet beyond the outer sides of said boundary streets.

Commencing at the intersection of Northampton Road and Snell Street, thence along Snell Street to South Pleasant Street, thence along South Pleasant Street to College Street, thence along College Street to Dickinson Street, thence along Dickinson Street to Main Street, thence along Main Street to Triangle Street, thence along Triangle Street to

East Pleasant Street, thence along East Pleasant Street to a point opposite the south side of the grounds of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, thence westerly along the south boundary of the Massachusetts Agricultural College grounds to Lincoln Avenue, thence along Lincoln Avenue to North Hadley Road. Thence along North Hadley Road to Hillside Avenue, thence along Hillside Avenue and Sunset Avenue to Amity Street, thence along Amity Street to Dana Street, thence along Dana Street to Northampton Road, thence along Northampton Road to the place of beginning at the corner of Snell Street.

Ordinary Construction. That system of construction where ordinary wood joists and studs are used and in which the exterior walls are constructed of masonry, consisting of brick, stone, concrete or terra-cotta, and the roof of fire resisting material; a composition roof of felt and gravel shall be considered fire resisting under this by-law.

Mill Construction. The term Mill Construction shall apply to all buildings in which wood posts, if used, have a sectional area of not less than one hundred square inches each and wooden girders and joists a sectional area of not less than seventy-two square inches each, and roofs, if of wood, a thickness of not less than two and five-eighths inches in a single layer.

Partitions in buildings of Mill Construction shall be made entirely of incombustible material. If iron columns, girders, or beams are used in buildings of this type they shall be protected by a covering, not less than three inches thick, either of brick, burnt clay tile, concrete or terra-cotta. All exterior walls to be constructed of masonry consisting of brick, stone, concrete or terra-cotta.

Section 2. *Industrial or Manufacturing Buildings.* Buildings hereafter erected within the Zoned area, intended to be used for industrial or manufacturing purposes and having a ground area of five thousand square feet or over, shall be built of not less than mill construction. Those of less than 5,000 square feet in area shall be of not less than ordinary construction.

Section 3. *Business Buildings.* Buildings hereafter erected within the Zoned Area, intended to be used for business purposes, and adjoining or within ten feet of any other building, shall be built of not less than ordinary construction.

Section 4. *Tenements or Apartments.* Buildings hereafter erected within the Zoned area, intended to be used for the occupancy of more than two families living in separate apartments, if more than two and a half stories high, shall be built of not less than ordinary construction.

Section 5. *Effect on Present By-Laws.* If any By-Laws or parts of any By-Laws are in conflict with the provisions of this By-Law, the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. *Enforcement.* It shall be the duty of the Selectmen of the Town of Amherst, to enforce this By-Law and for this purpose they may make criminal complaints or apply to any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 7. *When Effective.* This By-Law shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Amherst.

The polls must be kept open four hours, and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in five or more public places in town four weeks at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1925.

GEORGE F. HOBART,
WILLIAM H. ATKINS,
EDWIN H. DICKINSON,
Selectmen of Amherst.

Report of Finance Committee

For several years every citizen has been faced with higher costs for labor and material in his private budget, and the town has likewise had the same experience. Not only will money buy less than it did, but the two largest appropriations, that for schools and that for highways, have grown because of the public demand for better facilities. There has been a slow but steady increase in the school enrollment and more teachers have become necessary. The public has demanded not only improvement of the macadam highways, but also of the dirt roads; if we are to have hard-surface roads communicating with state highways at all seasons of the year and if the latter must be scraped free of snow in the winter this inevitably increases the budget.

This year brings a large increase in the county tax, of which Amherst pays ten per cent. Our share this year amounts to \$31,000, an increase of over \$12,000. The state tax will also be larger than in 1924, but the exact amount is a matter of conjecture at this time. The increase in the state and county tax may add as much as \$2.00 to our tax rate this year.

The town is fortunate in having this year no heavy bills for the repair of buildings or for the purchase of apparatus and equipment; such items we are in the habit of calling extraordinary, but they appear nevertheless almost ever season. It is therefore imperative not to allow our budget to be increased by those small items, which, though they may be desirable in themselves, are bound to become a fixed charge and can never be revoked when once granted.

The tabulation below has been prepared in order to present the citizens of Amherst a survey of the relation of the annual appropriations and the total assessed valuation to the tax rate:

	Town Budget	Total Net	Valuation	Tax Rate
1919	\$167,155.00	\$168,686.52	\$6,913,353.00	\$24.40
1920	194,506.34	182,373.48	7,180,021.00	25.40
1921	197,757.50	181,073.15	7,421,031.00	24.40
1922	196,273.23	170,799.47	7,426,064.00	23.00
1923	220,606.86	192,664.75	7,645,426.71	25.20
1924	224,003.54	211,031.30	8,308,319.00	25.40

The "Total Net" is obtained by adding to the town appropriations the state and county tax, state highway maintenance and overlays; from this are deducted estimated receipts, the amount taken from the treasury, the income tax and the poll tax. While the increase in the tax rate since 1919 has not been great there has been a large increase in the annual appropriations. The increase in the assessed valuation has kept the tax rate down but has not lessened the amount of taxes paid by our citizens. It should be said that some of the increase in valuation is due to new construction.

General Government. Under this heading there is no notable increase over last year.

Police. During the past year a transfer of \$1000 from the reserve fund was made in the interests of law enforcement; about the same amount is returned to the town treasury in the form of fines.

Fire Department. A slight increase in the pay of the all-time men is regarded as justified and is recommended by your committee. If new hydrants are authorized more money will be needed for water for fires. In the appropriation recommended for the fire department provision is made for the setting of two hydrants authorized in 1919, one on Dana St., and the other on the corner of Amity and Dana, as well as for a hydrant at the high school to give adequate protection to the three school buildings in that vicinity. The recommendation if adopted will also give us two new call boxes, one at the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Fearing St., the other at the high school.

Health. The larger part of this increase will be returned to the town treasury by other towns for the care of some of their citizens.

Sewers. An increase is recommended in order to construct a new sewer on North Prospect St.; this need is imperative.

Highways. It is felt that good results have been obtained in the maintenance of our highways and that with the increasing use of them the same amount should be appropriated as before. The item for snow removal is put this year under one heading. It provides for the usual removal of snow, for the scraping of the

main macadam highways and for one new item of \$1,000. This latter amount is requested by the fire chief in order to make passable for the fire apparatus main thoroughfares not otherwise attended to. In view of the sums invested in fire apparatus and appropriated for its maintenance it seems wise to make it possible to use it and give better protection to persons and property. The total sum recommended for snow removal is an increase of \$700 over 1924.

New Sidewalks. In response to a frequently voiced demand for better sidewalks your committee recommends the appropriation of \$2000 for the construction of a new cement walk, six feet wide, on the west side of No. Pleasant St. This should build about 1000 ft. of sidewalk, and the same annual appropriation over a period of five years would give us about 5000 ft. or more in that time. As a partial offset for this new item it is recommended that only \$1000 be expended for the repair of sidewalks instead of the \$1500 granted in 1924.

Schools. The schools call for the largest appropriation of any single department, but the Finance Committee is satisfied that the buildings are in the best condition for many years and that there has been a steady improvement in the character of the work done, in the *morale* of the staff of teachers. The policy of a definite scale of salaries with a fixed maximum has resulted in fewer changes since its adoption four years ago. There has resulted better teaching through the ability to secure better teachers and to keep them longer in Amherst. The total amount recommended is slightly in excess of that for 1924; this is due in part to some salary increases, which have the approval of the finance committee, and to an increased appropriation of \$525 for Domestic Science; in past years an amount in excess of the appropriation has been returned to the town treasury through the sale of lunches.

It should be noted that the total receipts on the school account from all sources amount to \$20,867.63 for the year 1924.

It is recommended that every citizen should read the report of the Chairman of the School Committee printed in the Town Report.

Interest Charges and Town Debt. In the tabulation it will be seen that the amounts which must be paid for interest charges and the town debt have increased respectively by \$701.30 and \$4,800.00, a total increase of \$5,501.30, accounting for approximately \$.66 per thousand on our tax rate.

ART. 12. Recommended.

ART. 13. Recommended. The State assumes no responsibility for land damages incurred in the construction of State highways ; such damages must be assumed by the town.

ART. 14. Not recommended. There does not seem to exist a sufficiently urgent need for all-night lighting to warrant the recommendation of this article.

ART. 15. Recommended.

ART. 16. Recommended.

ARTS. 17, 18, 19. Not recommended.

ART. 20. The laws of the Commonwealth do not permit towns to appropriate money for Christmas trees. Not recommended.

ART. 24. Recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. T. DAVIS
CLARENCE W. EASTMAN
CADY R. ELDER, Chairman
FRED C. KENNEY
MAUD S. MITTEN
JOHN J. O'CONNELL
SUSAN I. WHITAKER

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Tot. Appro. 1924	Expended 1924	Requested 1925	Recomm'd 1925
General Government				
1 Accounting.....	975.00	962.00	1,075.00	1,075.00
2 Collector.....	*2,314.97	2,314.87	2,300.00	2,300.00
3 Halls.....	4,000.00	3,996.06	4,000.00	4,000.00
4 Legislative	75.00	50.24	75.00	75.00
5 Selectmen	1,350.00	1,305.23	1,350.00	1,350.00
6 Treasurer.....	450.00	432.91	450.00	450.00
7 Assessors.....	*1,222.77	1,222.77	1,600.00	1,200.00
8 Assessors' Maps	**500.00			
9 Law	600.00	245.00	600.00	600.00
10 Town Clerk	500.00	475.72	500.00	500.00
11 Election and Registration...	650.00	644.30	300.00	300.00
12 Other Finance Offices.....	40.00	38.00	30.00	30.00
13 Office Assistant.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property				
14 Police.....	*5,600.00	5,549.00	4,900.00	4,900.00
15 Fire Department	7,700.00	7,595.00	7,075.00	7,075.00
16 Water for Fires.....	3,075.00	3,000.00	3,175.00	3,175.00
17 New Hydrants.....	*185.00	184.83		
18 Sealer Weights and Meas ..	400.00	399.65	400.00	400.00
19 Moth Extermination.....	400.00	350.32	400.00	400.00
20 Tree Warden.....	700.00	698.96	700.00	700.00
21 Forest Fires.....	*275.00	262.32	200.00	200.00
Health and Sanitation				
22 Health.....	*2,640.00	2,632.09	3,000.00	3,000.00
23 Sewer Maintenance.....	800.00	710.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
24 Garbage Disposal	1,000.00	979.25	1,000.00	1,000.00
25 South Outlet Sewer	**1,401.00			
26 Surface Drains.....	800.00	769.21	800.00	800.00
27 Visiting Nurse	2,150.00	2,019.08	2,100.00	2,100.00
28 Clean Up Day.....	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
29 Fearing St. Sewer.....	75.00			
30 Sewer Reimbursements	423.01	423.01		
Highways				
31 Highways.....	20,000.00	19,989.78	20,000.00	20,000.00
32 Repairing Sidewalks.. ..	†2,001.90	1,403.76	1,000.00	1,000.00
33 New Sidewalks			2,000.00	2,000.00
34 Snow Removal.....	2,500.00	953.19	3,200.00	3,200.00
35 Watering	1,100.00	1,078.12	1,100.00	1,100.00
36 Street Lighting.....	8,605.00	8,568.03	8,589.00	8,589.00
37 Macadam Repairs.....	6,500.00	6,274.37	6,000.00	6,000.00
38 Macadam, Triangle & Gutters	3,000.00	1,516.30		
39 Belchertown Road.....	†48,9517.5	40,629.10		
40 Pleas. St. and Linc. Av Survey	200.00	95.20		

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—(Continued.)

	Tot. Appro. 1924	Expended 1924	Requested 1925	Recomm'd 1925
Charities and Soldiers' Benefits				
41 Support of Poor	4,000.00	2,765.07	4,000.00	4,000.00
42 Whiting Street Fund	1,002.34	635.00		
Education and Libraries				
Schools—				
43 Maintenance	\$110,366.00	\$110,189.39	\$110,269.00	\$110,269.00
44 North Amherst Library....	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
45 Academy Fund	350.00	350.00		
46 Amity and East St. Bldg, rep.	3,500.00	3,500.00		
47 Portable Schoolhouse.....	3,000.00	2,775.68		
Recreation and Unclassified				
48 Reserve Fund	3,000.00	2,912.64	2,912.64	2,912.64
49 Insurance	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
50 Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
51 Unclassified	700.00	512.00	700.00	700.00
52 Cook Fountain (maintenance).	*465.36	70.88		
53 Hamp. Co. Aid to Agr.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
54 Parks and Park Places.....	700.00	696.40	700.00	700.00
55 Marking Historic Places....	100.00	100.00		
56 Public Playground	500.00	50.75		
Cemeteries				
57 Cemeteries	900.00	898.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
58 Perp. Care Funds, income, ...	*1,421.92	682.27		
59 S. W. Dickinson Cem. Fund .	*113.38			
Census				
60 Census			300.00	300.00
Interest and Maturing Debt				
61 Interest	5,250.00	5,198.70	5,900.00	5,900.00
62 Town Debt	11,920.00	11,920.00	16,720.00	16,720.00
				\$224,770.64

Article 13	600.00	600.00
Article 14	1,390.00	Not recom'd
Article 15	35.00	35.00
Article 16	70.00	70.00
Article 17, 18, 19.....	195.00	Not recom'd
Article 20	150.00	Not recom'd
		2,089.00
		705.00

*Includes transfer from Reserve Fund or Trust Fund's earnings.

**Continuing account.

†\$501.90 contributed by abutters.

‡Appropriation \$2,000.00, loan \$28,000.00, received from County \$18,951.75.

\$Includes \$350.00 from Academy Fund and \$1,150.00 from Reserve Fund.

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